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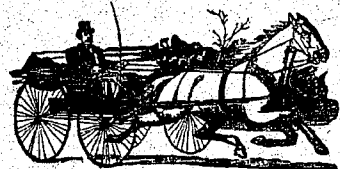
Turkeys  
Ducks  
Geese,  
and  
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No Christmas dinner is quite complete without a fine Roast Fowl. We will have a selected lot and request that you place your orders early.

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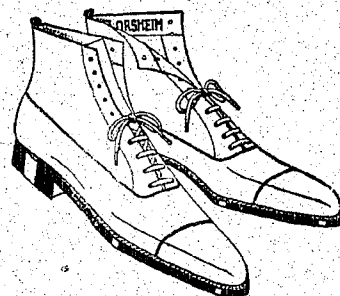
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## Here's Your Chance for a Short Time Only



Men's Fine Florsheim Shoes, tan or  
black, button or lace, 5.00, my price... **\$4.45**  
In narrow extreme styles.

A few pairs only, 5.00 value, my price  
only... **\$3.69**

Men's Shoes in Rice-Hutchins' noted  
Signet and Armada Shoes, button or  
lace, 5.00, my price... **\$3.45**

Men's 3.50 Rice-Hutchins' shoes  
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All 3.50 Shoes... **\$2.95**

This will be a special inducement.  
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## Beautiful Display of Shoes for Ladies

Remember all the most beautiful styles go into this cut.

Mention this ad please.

MERRY XMAS TO ALL

# Frank Dreese

Lemon colored building opposite the Jail.

### Report of Crawford County Farmers' Institute.

The annual meeting of the Crawford County Farmers' Institute society was held in the C. art house in this city, Friday and Saturday of last week. L. B. Merrill, President of the Society was not present until evening. Marion R. Hopkins, being appointed chairman took charge of the program.

On account of lack of attendance the Society did not open the program until about 2 o'clock.

State Speaker H. J. Lurkins, of Paw Paw gave us an interesting talk on maintaining soil fertility, emphasizing the necessity of crop rotation. Notes were taken by Agricultural students with interest. Growing of small grain was handled with interest by Mr. Lurkins.

The singing given by the school children was greatly appreciated, especially the snow balling of the audience, received after the Snow song. This part of the program was in charge of Miss Lennon, teacher of music of the local schools.

The subject, "Alfalfa and other Legumes" and "The Silo and Silage" was treated by State Speaker A. M. Berridge with great interest to the audience.

The Farmer's poultry topic was left open to any one who had any experience in that line, a few gave their ideas. H. J. Lurkins gave a few good pointers advising balanced ration feeding. All questions asked were cheerfully answered by the State Speakers.

The evening program opened with singing by Grayling school conducted by Miss Lennon which was greatly enjoyed by everyone present.

The subject "M. A. C. the Farmer's Friend," was an interesting subject; the Speaker A. M. Berridge endeavored to make it so.

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### School Notes

Edith McDonald of Wolverine was a recent visitor in the sixth grade.

Elsie Zalsman was absent from school last week because of sickness.

Ruth and Oscar Taylor entered the seventh grade last week, their parents having recently moved here from Sheridan, Montcalm County.

Beatrice Dischaw of Frederic, is a new pupil in the High school. We are glad to welcome her.

The German 2 class has begun reading the classic "Hoher als die Kirche." A high school play is planned for



## Christmas Gifts For All

What will George like best for Xmas? That same old problem looks us in the face every year, and to some Christmas buying is really work. Whereas it should be a pleasure.

### We Make Christmas Buying Easy. Here's Our Plan

Make a list of the friends you intend to remember. Then make up your mind to buy only practical, useful things. Presents that they will not be obliged to put away on the shelf just to look at. That's a waste of money and you have not satisfied your friends.

### Just Buy Things They Can Use Every Day---Things to Wear

Now doesn't that sound like common sense? You can do your complete buying at this store, from the baby to its grandfather.

There is nothing nicer for little brother than a neat

**Mackinaw, an Overcoat, a Cap, a Hat,**

Sweater or Gloves. You could not please your older son more if you presented him with a nice Suit or Overcoat, cut in the latest fashion. Could father wish for anything better than a nice Suit or Overcoat with Hat and Gloves to match?

Same way with mother, what can please her more than a nice

**Coat, Waist, Shoes, Slippers, Neckwear,**

Gloves, Mittens, Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Etc. Fancy Linens of every description, such as Table Linen, Napkins, Towels, Etc.

### Fancy Shirts, Socks and Ties

Our assortment is very complete and larger than ever.

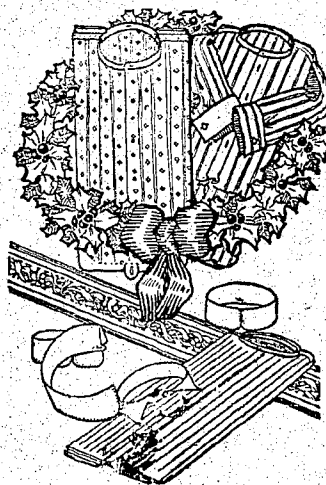
### Men's Neckwear

Bought especially for Xmas and strictly up-to-date.

### Fancy Linens

Our reputation as THE linen store adds much to the appreciation of your gift if bot here.

Lunch Cloths, Lunch Sets, Table Sets, Table Cloths, Napkins, Towels and Scarfs.



### Beautiful Line of Hosiery

### Christmas Aprons

### Bags and Suit Cases

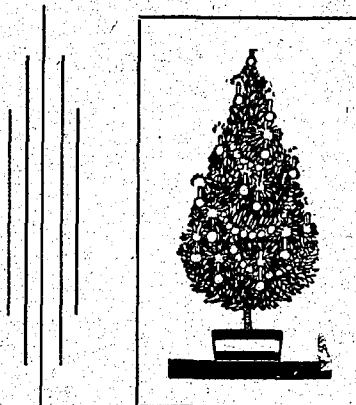
### Infant's Wear

### Back Combs and Barrettes

### Hand Bags

### Ladies' and Men's Stylish Footwear

We will not only sell you the shoes but will fit your feet. This year's stock is the finest we ever had. Shoes and Slippers are always appreciated presents.



CHRISTMAS TIME, the great festive time of the year; the time when we should put aside petty jealousies and banish all unkind thoughts from our minds, and try and make others happy; therein lies our own happiness. Let your giving be coupled with the practical things that are of high quality and beauty. Our store is full of good suggestions and we invite you to come in and see. It is impossible to tell all here.

# EMIL KRAUS

Grayling's Leading Dry Goods Store

Feb. 11th and 12th. On Feb. 18th will occur the annual Junior party.

Jay and Morris Egeler enrolled in school last Monday morning. Their young friends are glad to have them with us again.

A parent who evidently disapproved of corporal punishment wrote his teacher: "Dear Miss: Don't hit our Johnnie. We never do it at home except in self defense."

Miss Loss and her agricultural class attended the Farmer's Institute last Friday afternoon and enjoyed the discussions very much. Each member of the class was required to take notes on all discussions and give a written report of one of them. Because of not having a forenoon session, the speakers combined two programs in one thus necessarily making their discourses rather brief. The following is a synopsis of one address and was written by Hazel Cassidy:

### SILOS AND SILAGE.

The silo is used for canning green fodder for feeding cattle in the winter in the same way that our mothers can fruit and vegetables to use in the winter months.

Silos have been used for about thirty-five years in the United States. More green feed has been fed from silos than any other way. Long ago in Europe people dug holes in the ground which were used for silos. They

covered the bottom and sides with clay and stamped upon it to make it smooth. Then they covered it with boards and rock. In Germany, they were made from sixteen to eighteen feet deep. Today even, sugar beets are often kept in this manner, but most silos today are above ground.

The three advantages of silage are: first, it furnishes green feed in the winter; second, by the wholesale harvesting of the crop it does not have to be cured; third, by feeding from silos the feed is easily handled in the winter.

Ensilage and alfalfa furnish a balanced ration for cattle. The corn must be in the right stage when it goes into the silo and that is when it is nearly mature. It must be palatable to the live stock. The fermentation and chemical changes which take place in the silo, raise the temperature to one hundred and twenty degrees. If the corn is too green, too much acid is formed and the corn is liable to sour.

Silos are made of concrete or cement or anything of this kind which will make the silo airtight. Sometimes the corn is put into the silo in the spring when it is too dry, so water must be added. After the silo is filled the top is covered with hay or straw. Some mould may form on the top, as it does on fruit, but there will not be much loss.

## For a number of years Santa Claus came from the North Pole to visit us

Santa Claus is here again this year with a full line of

Toys, Tailor-Made Clothes  
Underwear for Ladies, Men and Children  
Shoes for the whole Family  
Rubbers for the whole Family  
Socks, Children's and Ladies' Hosiery  
Ties, Handkerchiefs, Suspenders  
We just got in a line of Leather Suit Cases and Traveling Bags

Solid Leather \$8.00 Traveling Bags for \$6.00  
\$7.00 All Leather Suit Cases \$5.00

Makes a fine Xmas present.

# BRENNER'S

GRAYLING, MICHIGAN



## ORGANIZATION OF BOYS IN FOOD CITY

LIFESAVING SCOUTS IS NAME OF NEWEST MOVE FOR SAFETY.

### WILL KEEP HIGHWAYS CLEAN

Iron Scraps and All Junk Endangering Motorists, Horses and Pedestrians Will Be Collected By Boys.

Battle Creek—The Lifesaving Scouts is the name of a new boys' organization formed here Saturday night by the Salvation Army to undertake a mission entirely new to Battle Creek, if not the world at large.

The duty of the boys will be to gather all iron scraps, nails, pieces of bottles and other glass, wire and, in fact, all kinds of junk likely to be a menace to motorists, pedestrians and horses. The junk will be placed on exhibition and will eventually be sold for what it is worth, although it is figured this will be a small item. The organization is bound to become popular with the automobile association, as the boys will make a thorough campaign to keep the street free of pieces of metal and glass dangerous to tires.

Prizes will be awarded to the boys bringing in the largest amount of spoils and those who bring in the most unique specimens. First awards will be made at a supper to be given New Year's eve.

The Lifesaving Scouts are organized with an initial membership ranging in age from 8 to 15 years.

### FOUR MINERS ARE KILLED

Two Accidents at Ironwood Within Short Period of Time.

Ironwood—Four miners were killed and two seriously injured in two industrial accidents in this vicinity within a short time of each other.

The accidents occurred in the Noris mine, operated by the Oliver Mining company's shaft. In the former mine, Mike Caddy and Heski Matala were killed and Mike Bralla seriously hurt.

Peter Bashik and Mike Zamrodil lost their lives in the Norwood mine and Thomas Harris was injured when a section caved in.

### Award Contract for Monument.

Hastings—The Barry County Pioneer society has awarded to John Youngs, of Hastings, the contract for building the monument which the society will erect upon the site of Moreau's trading post at Bull's Prairie, four miles west of this city. This post, which was owned by the American Fur company, was erected in 1828. It stood on a picturesque bluff overlooking the Thornapple river. Imbedded in it will be a bronze tablet showing the trading post. The tablet was designed by J. E. McCoy, of Detroit.

### Carr Gets Better Position.

Cadillac—O. E. Carr, for the past 21 months Cadillac's city manager, has been appointed city manager of Niagara Falls, New York, at a salary of \$6,000. He received \$3,000 in Cadillac. Coming to Cadillac as the first manager under the new form, Mr. Carr has made a splendid record and has won favor here for the commission form of government. His successor has not yet been chosen, and won't be until the recently elected city commission takes office, January 1.

### To Debate Compulsory Service.

Alma—Whether or not every male citizen of the United States should be compelled to serve a stipulated time in the state militia is the question to be debated by the three colleges composing the triangular debating league the third week in March. The three colleges composing the league are Hope, Olivet and Alma. Each chooses two teams, one to debate at home and one at one of the other colleges.

### MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS

The Menominee Water Co. has accepted the offer of the city to sell the municipal water works for \$200,000.

The Saginaw County Wild Life Conservation association met Friday night with Wm. B. Mershon, of Saginaw, president of the Michigan Wild Life Conservation association, and Hugh B. Gilbert, of Flint, secretary of the state organization, to arrange for the next annual sportsmen's show and convention of the sportsmen of the state, to be held in Saginaw February 23, 24 and 25.

Mary Jane Reed, Negress, who was a slave before the civil war, is dead at the county infirmary at Grand Rapids, at the age of 110 years. She had been at the infirmary 19 years, and her constant companion was an old clay pipe.

H. R. Pratt, former deputy auditor-general of Michigan and for more than 30 years secretary of the Weymouth association, controlling the Presbyterian resort of the same name near Harbor Springs, died Wednesday in Lansing. Mr. Pratt was 77 years old.

Grain shipments from the middle west through Ludington have been halted because of a shortage of cars to carry the grain to the eastern markets. Grain shipments last month totaled 575 cars, as compared with 450 a year ago.

Elder William Hord, of the Kalamazoo Seventh Day Adventist church, has resigned his pastorate to fight the white slave traffic. Elder Hord declares he has quit the pulpit in order to bring reflection on his church associates for anything he might do or say.

## MICHIGAN NEWS BRIEFS

County Agent C. L. Coffeen reports that Lenawee county is practically free of hog cholera.

Rev. Lewis P. Kopp, of Washington, Ia., has accepted a call issued by the First Church of Christ of Adrian.

Kalamazoo will get the next biennial convention of the National Order of Gleaners, which will be held in January.

Action has been taken by the Adrian school board whereby school girls of the city will be given an opportunity to learn to swim.

A movement has been started at Ludington to organize a Chamber of Commerce with a pledged supper of \$5,000 a year for three years.

Michigan Medical association will meet at Houghton the second week in August, 1916, the Houghton County Medical association has announced.

Ewart men have formed a \$10,000 stock company to manufacture an electric bean-picker invented by Harry Curtis, 18 years old, of Dighton.

A road bee was held Tuesday a half mile west of Wadham's by farmers not residents of that place, on the Lapeer avenue road to repair a stretch of sandy road.

The president has announced three Michigan postoffice appointments: Manchester, Frank H. Koebe; Baldwin, Thomas Henderson; Burr Oak, Gay F. Hackman.

Albion's publication, as determined by a one hour's census by school children under direction of W. J. McKone, superintendent, is 7,959, an increase of 34.6 per cent since 1910.

Eaton Rapids' \$30,000 paving program for 1915, just completed, is likely to be repeated next year. Petitions for the expenditure of a similar amount are already being circulated.

After several years' work, the Cornum W. R. C. has obtained funds enough to erect a memorial to the sailor and soldier dead. The tablet will be erected on the court house square.

Duncan C. Matheson, for 40 years a resident of Roscommon, dropped dead while entering his home. He was the father of W. Ray and D. Eugene Matheson, publishers of the Roscommon Herald-News.

Harry, the six-year-old son of E. E. Cameron, teller in the Commercial bank of Bay City, was fatally injured when struck by a motor car, the wheels of which passed over his head, fracturing the skull.

Six stores were burglarized in Chelsea Thursday morning. A small sum of money was obtained in each place. The glass was broken in the front doors. A man was seen to leave one store at 4:45 o'clock.

Hereafter the prisoners in the Bay county jail will have to buy their own tobacco. The county has been supplying it, at a cost of \$10 to \$15 a month, but the county auditors have decided to cut it out.

In the municipal election at Eaton Rapids, Monday, B. H. Custer was elected commissioner for three years over C. M. Hunt; C. A. Collier, justice, long term; Samuel P. Savage, justice to fill vacancy.

Among the state reward and trunk line roads being built in Benzie county is the north shore boulevard around Crystal lake, which will connect Benzie, Benzonia and the Congregational summer assembly's grounds at the west end of the lake, and will be one of the beautiful drives of the state.

The twelfth annual show of the Oakland County Poultry Breeders' association will be held in the Light Guard armory in Pontiac the week of January 10. All premiums will be paid in cash this year. The entries are the largest in the history of the organization. Hundreds of Detroit birds will be shown this year.

Dig plans have been laid by the Central Michigan Poultry association for its second annual poultry show, which is to be held in Alma January 25 to January 28. It is expected that the show will be by far the largest ever held in this section of Michigan. Fifteen silver cups have already been secured and more are expected.

Local option forces of Arenac county served a mandamus on the board of supervisors Thursday, through their clerk and chairman, to show cause why petitions for submission of the local option question at the spring election by the board which refused to submit them. The question will be argued before Judge Sharpe next week.

Governor Ferris, in an address at the new \$25,000 nurses' building at the Michigan Soldiers' home at Grand Rapids, Tuesday, declared he believed young persons should be educated to the fact that too much attention is not paid to old soldiers. The governor expressed sympathy for women sufferers in the European war. The building was presented by General George Stone, a member of the state board.

A writ of certiorari for reviewing Judge Collingwood's decision denying Ingham county wets a mandamus to compel the county clerk to call a local option election in April was granted Wednesday by the supreme court.

A pet dog saved the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Schwab and their baby of Traverse City, when the trio went through the ice while crossing Clam lake. The dog's barking attracted a neighbor who succeeded in rescuing the victims with a long pole after they had nearly perished in the cold water.

The manufacturing photo engravers of Michigan formed a state organization at a meeting held at Battle Creek. Fred W. Gage, of Battle Creek, was chosen president and E. C. Tonger, of Detroit, secretary-treasurer.

Some time in January there will be a meeting in Lansing of representatives from all Michigan organizations interested in fire prevention and forest conservation. The purpose will be to secure co-operation on the part of all individuals and associations in the work of forestation and fire prevention in the state's timber districts.

## DANIELS ASKS FOR HALF A BILLION

ADDS HUGE SUM TO EXPENDITURES PROPOSED BY GENERAL BOARD.

### RADICAL CHANGES FAVORED

Secretary of Navy in Annual Report Gives Details of His Five-Year Program of Enlargement.

Washington—Details of the half-billion-dollar navy building program under the five-year continuing plan recommended to congress are contained in the annual report of Secretary Daniels, made public Sunday night.

The report shows that for the first time in the history of the department the secretary's recommendations increase the expenditures proposed by the general board.

The five-year program for new ships and completion of those already authorized reaches a grand total of \$502,482,214, with large appropriations for reserve ammunition and aviation. Secretary Daniels differed from the general board in one important particular at least as to the program although the total number of ships to be constructed and the types recommended are those proposed by the board.

The full total of the navy budget for the year is \$217,652,174; all but \$132,280,047 of which will go for ships now under construction or to be authorized. The remainder contemplates the increased personnel and general running expenses of the navy afloat or ashore.

The secretary comments at length on the need of battle cruisers of the proposed 35-knot type. The events of the European war are recounted to show the part these craft have played and the reasons for including six of them in the building program. As to the battleship of the future, the secretary says the suggested vessels are of much greater displacement and heavier armament than anything heretofore contemplated for any navy. The department is now discussing plans for ships of 36,000 tons and armed with 16-inch or perhaps 17-inch guns. The secretary says the plan has not yet been approved, but his estimates are based on ships to cost \$18,000,000 each, which would allow for the increased size.

Secretary Daniels takes another radical step in his report in urging that the present system of promotion of officers by seniority be abandoned in favor of promotion by selection. He goes at length into the results of the seniority system to find that it produces "stagnation in the lower grades, arrival at command rank late in life and a fleeting passage through command and flag grades, combined with absolute lack of professional incentive throughout all grades."

### Plan City Hall for Jackson.

Jackson—The city commissioners of Jackson have determined to advertise for tenders of sites for a city hall, which the taxpayers later on will be asked to erect through a bond issue.

Jackson's administrative offices have always been in rented quarters, and are not up to the requirements of the business of the municipality. It is claimed, hence the desire on the part of the commissioners for a permanent and adequate city hall.

### Mayor of Ann Arbor Dead.

Ann Arbor—Mayor Charles Sauer died Sunday night at St. Joseph sanitarium from typhoid fever. Mayor Sauer had served less than a year of his term, having been elected at the last city election on the republican ticket. He was a prominent business man, being the head of Charles A. Sauer & Co., lumber merchants. He had lived in Ann Arbor practically all his life, and is survived by a widow and four children.

### STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Representatives of the West Michigan Pike association, in session at Traverse City planned to incorporate under the laws of Michigan that the body might be better able to carry on its work. Twenty-eight directors were named, two from each county through which the pike runs.

The Michigan Experiment association has announced that it will award a series of prizes to M. A. C. short course students who show the most ability in judging grain. The prizes will be in the shape of awards of pedigree or pure strains of oat and wheat, and improved corn for planting purposes.

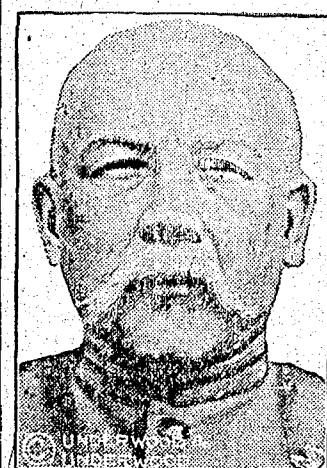
William Claspell, an Ypsilanti butcher, who was brought to county jail at Ann Arbor Thursday pending examination on charges of seven girls under 14 years old, killed himself in his cell Thursday night.

An application has been filed by the Independent and the Michigan State Telephone companies for an almost complete interchange of properties in Ottawa, Newburg, Muskegon, Lake, Manistee, Oceana and Mason counties. The railroad commission will act on the application following a hearing December 16.

Alleging that she was internally injured and her sight affected as the result of a collision between two Flint-Detroit interurban cars on the D. U. R. near Rochester, Mrs. Mary Ferguson has started suit at Flint against the railway company for \$10,000.

Agricultural agents from the various counties will meet at the Agricultural college December 6 and 7, for a general conference. The sessions will be devoted to a general review of the agricultural work and progress in various Michigan counties during the year.

## CHINA MADE MONARCHY BY LESS THAN 2,000 VOTERS



YUAN SHI KAI.

Pekin—Dr. Yuan Shi Kai, president of China, has accepted the throne tendered him by the council of state.

Acting as a parliament, the council of state Sunday canvassed the vote on the question of a change in the form of the government of China to a monarchy; and found that the votes of 1,993 representatives out of 2,043 qualified to vote on the proposition were favorable to the change.

The council of state immediately sent to Yuan Shi Kai a petition urging him to accept the throne. He declined at first, but when the petition was forwarded to him a second time he accepted, with the provision that he would continue to act as president until a convenient time for the coronation.

### SCHOOLS HELP T. B. C. FIGHT

Grand Traverse Superintendent Tries Out Plan Proposed By Mr. Keeler With Much Success.

Lansing—The anti-tuberculosis campaign in Grand Traverse county, which is now rapidly nearing an end, has been greatly aided by a system of talking tuberculosis in the public schools.

Superintendent Tyler of the Traverse City schools has to some extent borrowed the idea of a "Tuberculosis Week" to be held next spring all over the state by Superintendent Keeler, and if the success attendant upon it in Traverse City is any criterion, the plan of Mr. Keeler should be a huge help to the campaign.

During the last two weeks Mr. Tyler had all of the teachers give daily talks on tuberculosis, its causes, cure and prevention. Moreover, the county school commissioner has instructed all of the teachers in the rural schools in the county to do all they can to call attention to the fight that the state board of health is waging against tuberculosis. In Ottawa county, too, the public schools are concentrating to help keep up the work which the physicians started during the campaign in that section.

It is proving a hard problem to reach the rural schools with the plan of fighting tuberculosis, in the opinion of those who are out in the field at present. With the earnest co-operation of the commissioners of the mutual school systems, such as the campaigners have in Grand Traverse county, it is not so hard. To this end Dr. De Kleins, the head of the campaign, is going to send letters to the county school commissioners in each of the counties just before they are visited by the physicians and the nurses and ask that they carry the message for help to the various rural teachers. In this way it is thought that the campaign can be started and be at its height by the time the state crew arrives.

### Haffner Freed By Court.

Cassopolis—George Haffner, former cashier of the Lannon bank, was acquitted late Friday afternoon of a charge of forgery preferred by E. Burt Jenny, of Dowagiac, who owned the Lannon bank at the time it was closed by the state bank examiner.

After hearing the evidence the judge took the case from the jury and directed a verdict of not guilty.

### ITEMS OF STATE INTEREST

The board of supervisors of Arenac county passed resolutions condemning the work of the state tax commission in re-assessing the whole of this county, and favoring the abolition of the commission.

Springfield, Ill.—The state tax commission raised the tax rate of Illinois for the ensuing years 48 cents to 55 cents, because of extraordinary expense incident to the foot and mouth disease.

Horse-drawn fire apparatus will be abandoned at Owosso if the plans of the city commission carry. The commission will in the spring submit a proposed bond issue of \$30,000 to build a new fire station and to purchase motor apparatus.

Simon Mosier, 23, a farmer, near Dowagiac, is dead as the result of the accidental discharge of a shotgun. Mosier had climbed on a wagon seat to get a good aim at a rabbit. As he reached for his gun, it slipped and the full charge struck him in the face.

Max Roopecke, 30 years old, living near Unadilla, was killed Tuesday morning when he stumbled and struck his head against the wheel of a traction engine. Roopecke was assisting M. A. and David Sterile move their sawmill.

## GERMAN BARON IS INDICTED BY JURY

GEORGE WILHELM VON BRINCKEN ACCUSED WITH OTHERS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

### IS ATTACHE OF CONSULATE

Grand Jury Findings Involves Detective Employed By Consulate and a Woman Who Was His Assistant.

San Francisco—Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken, an attaché of the German consulate here; C. C. Crowley, a detective employed by the consulate, and Margaret Cornell, who was in Crowley's employ, were indicted Monday by the grand jury on two counts each.

The first count charges conspiracy to interfere with and destroy commerce between the several states of the union and the United States and foreign countries; the second charges use of the mails to incite arson, assassination and murder.

Bail was fixed at \$5,000 on each count in the indictments.

Baron von Brincken and Crowley were previously charged in commissioner's warrants with conspiracy to interfere with and destroy commerce. They had been at liberty on \$10,000 bail. The statute upon which the second count is based was discovered by Mrs. A. A. Adams, who at the time of her appointment, was said to be the only woman deputy United States district attorney.

It was charged at the time of Crowley's arrest, November 6, that he was a directing agent in German plots to destroy by fire and dynamite ships bearing munitions to Great Britain, France and Russia. An explosion of a large of dynamite in Seattle harbor last May was charged to him by government agents.

Crowley's operations, the government charges, extended throughout the United States. That he conspired frequently with superiors in New York city and vicinity is also alleged.

### POWDER FACTORY BLOWN UP

One Thousand Injured by Explosion in Belgian Works in France.

Havre—The authorities announce that the victims of the Belgium powder factory explosion at Gravelle St. Honorine Saturday will number about 1,000. It is stated that the number of killed is not large but it is feared that many will die of their injuries.

It was impossible to approach the wreckage for four hours after the first explosion. At the time of the blast 1,500 Belgians were at work in the factory.

An investigation of the cause of the explosion has been started. There are rumors that it was spies' work. Almost every window in Havre was smashed by the force of the blast.

### American Chinese Oppose Monarchy.

San Francisco—The Chinese quarter here went on record today as being opposed to the reversion of China from a republic to a monarchy, and decided to resist strenuously the proposed change in government.

A mass meeting of protest was called by Tong King Chong, president of the Chinese Republic association, and a former member of the Chinese senate.

It was decided to solicit subscriptions from Chinese in all parts of the world to finance a revolution. A large sum was said to have been subscribed.

### All Villa Soldiers Are Shot.

Douglas, Ariz.—No quarter was given Villa soldiers in the battle which started Thursday morning at Fronteras, continued northward to San Joaquin and then east through a mountain pass into Chihuahua, according to Americans who arrived here Sunday from the south. All Villa soldiers taken prisoners were shot by order of General P. Elias Calles and General Angel Flores, governors of Sonora and Sinaloa, respectively, according to the travelers.

### TELEGRAPHIC FLASHES

Cincinnati—One man was shot and killed and two others badly wounded in an attack by five unidentified men here on a squad of non-union painters who were at work on a new annex to a local hospital.

Washington—Bills for an \$11,000,000 government armor plate factory were introduced in both houses of congress Friday by Chairman Tillman of the senate naval committee and Representative Tavenner of Illinois.

Erie, Pa.—Fire which early Friday destroyed three Anchor line elevators bulging with 550,000 bushels of grain consigned to the allies, brought state and government investigators to the scene to run down reports that pro-German incendiaries started the blaze. The loss is placed at \$750,000.

Washington—Eliseo Arrendondo, General Carranza's confidential representative in Washington, has been selected to be the next ambassador from Mexico to the United States.

Washington—The quantity of food stuffs sent by the United States to feed the rest of the world during the first ten months this year was more than double that in the same period of 1914. Statistics of the department of commerce show the value of food stuffs exported during the ten months was almost \$679,000,000, compared with \$319,000,000 last year.

## LANSING NOTES

### Governor Favors Cure in Prisons.

If Governor Ferris succeeds in carrying into effect a scheme he has had in mind for several months a "jag cure" will be a part of the treatment administered in the various state prisons to every inmate who has been addicted to the use of alcohol or drugs.

Investigation by the governor and the members of the pardon board has furnished conclusive evidence that "booze" and "dope" in a great many cases were responsible for the prisoners' downfall, and the records of the pardon board show that many men who are paroled after a few years in the state penitentiary are returned as parole violators simply because they had never been cured of the drug or alcohol habit.

At the present time it is practically impossible for an inmate of a Michigan prison in Michigan to obtain either drugs or whiskey, although a few years ago that "dope" was circulated with considerable freedom in Jackson, and other institutions had trouble in keeping cocaine outside the walls of the prisons.

Governor Ferris says that men who have been heavy drinkers for years or habitual users of drugs should receive medical treatment during the first year of their imprisonment, and he believes that when they have served their time they will be less apt to return to their old habits. Many men placed on parole have thought themselves cured simply because they had been unable to indulge during their term in prison, but once on the outside they have been unable to resist temptation and have been returned as parole violators.

The governor is expected to urge upon the various warden that they give this proposition a trial and if it proves successful it is probable that the legislature will be asked to provide sufficient funds to carry it out on an extensive scale. It is the governor's theory that inasmuch as the state puts a man in prison to punish him for a crime that it should take some steps to assist him in avoiding the cause of his trouble when he is again thrust upon society.

### Protection At Low Cost.

Subscribers to the accident fund of the Michigan state insurance department have voted to pay an additional 10 per cent dividend, making a total of 20 per cent on premiums for pay rolls adjusted during the year beginning October 1, 1914. Reports of officers showed that the fund was still providing accident protection to employers of labor at a low cost. It was voted to continue the rate charges in force the past year. The question of paying dividends to subscribers on withdrawal was discussed, and it was voted not to make such payment.

Charles A. Bigelow, of Bay City, re-elected president, and Robert K. Orr, secretary. The advisory board includes Mr. Bigelow as chairman, Nicholas H. Battjes, Grand Rapids; Otto Misch, Detroit; William J. Orr, Bay Port; C. P. Tietze, Detroit; C. H. Kimball, Muskegon; H. A. Douglas, Detroit; T. W. Hanson, Grayling; Ormel E. Fuller, Ford River, and C. S. Wilcox, Lansing.

The total assets of the fund at the close of the past year's business amounted to \$118,725.26; liabilities, \$86,817.15; surplus, \$31,908.11. On November 30, 1915, there were 650 certificates in force.

### Must Use Red Cans.

State Oil Inspector R. E. Barron, of Howell, has issued orders that all gasoline cans must be repainted a bright red, the order to take effect January 1.

The so-called "red can" law went into effect in 1909, and for a time it was observed by dealers and others using gasoline. Inspector Barron says, however, that now some of the cans painted years ago resemble more their original color than red and that as a result many accidents, sometimes resulting in deaths, is the result. He states that apparently many dealers in gasoline in Michigan are unaware of the law that compels them to paint red all receptacles in which gasoline is used.

"Violations have become so numerous that it is in the interest of public safety to see the law is rigidly enforced and I have issued orders that every can used for holding gasoline must receive a fresh coat of red paint by January 1. Several persons have lost their lives during the year because the law was not enforced."

## Glass of Hot Water Before Breakfast a Splendid Habit

Open sluices of the system each morning and wash away the poisonous, stagnant matter.

Those of us who are accustomed to feel dull and heavy when we arise; splitting headache, stuffy from a cold, foul tongue, nasty breath, acid stomach, lame back, can, instead, both look and feel as fresh as a daisy always by washing the poisons and toxins from the body with phosphated hot water each morning.

We should drink, before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of Limestone phosphate in it to flush from the stomach, liver, kidneys and ten yards of bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour bile and poisonous toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary tract before putting more food into the stomach.

The action of limestone phosphate and hot water on an empty stomach is wonderfully invigorating. It cleans out all the sour fermentations, gases, waste and acidity and gives one a splendid appetite for breakfast and it is said to be a little tonic until the roses begin to appear in the cheeks. A quarter pound of limestone phosphate will cost very little at the drug store, but is sufficient to make anyone who is bothered with biliousness, constipation, stomach trouble or rheumatism a real enthusiast on the subject of internal sanitation. Try it and you are assured that you will look better and feel better in every way shortly.

## DRINK MORE WATER IF KIDNEYS BOTHER

Eat less meat and take Salts for Backache or Bladder trouble—Neutralizes acids.

Uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish, ache, and feel like lumps of lead. The urine becomes cloudy; the bladder is irritated, and you may be obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night. When the kidneys clog you must help them flush out the body of uric waste or you'll be a real sick person shortly. At first you feel a dull misery in the kidney region, you suffer from backache, sick headache, dizziness, stomach gas, sour, tongue coated and you feel rheumatic twinges when the weather is bad.

Eat less meat, drink lots of water, also get from the pharmacist a box of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to cleanse the system and stimulate them to normal activity; also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, cannot injure, makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone would take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and active. Druggists here say they sell lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overcoming kidney trouble while it is only trouble.

## LADIES! SECRET TO DARKEN GRAY HAIR

Bring back color, gloss and thickness with Grandma's recipe of Sage and Sulphur.

Common garden sage brewed into a heavy tea, with sulphur and alcohol added, will turn gray, streaked and faded hair beautifully dark and luxuriant; remove every bit of dandruff, stop scalp itching and falling hair. Mixing the Sage Tea and Sulphur recipe at home, though, is troublesome. An easier way is to get the ready-to-use tonic, costing about 50 cents a large bottle, at drug stores, known as "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," thus avoiding a lot of fuss.

While wispy, gray, faded hair is not infallible, we all desire to retain our youthful appearance and attractiveness. By darkening your hair with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur, no one can tell, because it does it so naturally, so evenly. You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning all gray hairs have disappeared. After another application or two your hair becomes beautifully dark, glossy, soft and luxuriant and you appear years younger.

**A POSTAL CARD**



## Convertible Coat of Sealette



One of the handsome long coats of plush which dealers prefer to call by its new name—"fur-fabric"—is shown in the picture above. It merits the consideration of the woman who wants a coat to serve many occasions, and is entitled to be called "sealette," by which name the manufacturers have christened the fabric used in it. This is a rich, glossy plush of so dark a brown that it might be classed among the various blacks.

The coat is long, nearly covering the dress, and hangs almost straight at the front. It is semifitted at the back, but loosely adjusted to the figure. There are wide revers at the front which may be rolled forward when the turnover collar is brought up close about the neck. Large covered buttons, like the material of the coat, are used for fastening at the front—and one is set at each side of the back at the waist line.

The wide collar and deep cuffs of white fur are made separate and fastened to the coat when it is to do duty for evening or dressy afternoon wear. They are not intended for the workaday world of every day, but to convert a very practical coat into a rich-looking garment suited to special occasions. There is nothing

more durable than a coat of this kind in a good quality of the handsome pile fabric used for making it.

With the addition of the white fur collar and cuffs, white gloves and white and black shoes are donned, and a smart, dressy hat finishes a toilette quite up to the demands of full dress.

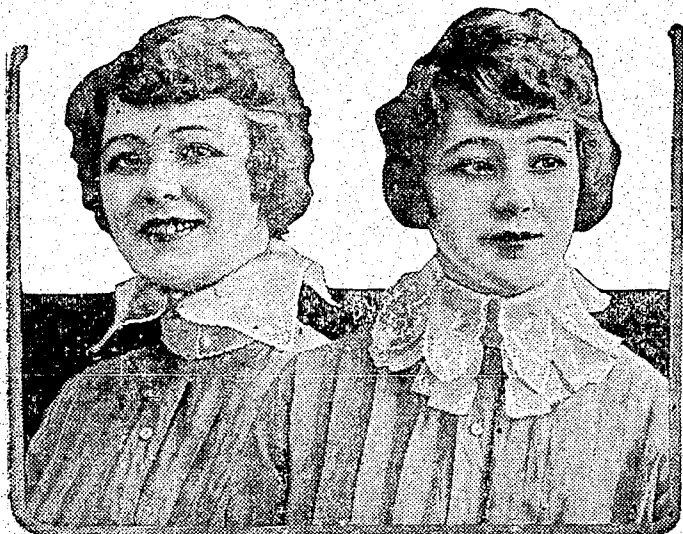
**Dresses for Girls.** High waist lines are the rule for the little girls' thin dresses. Like grown-up dresses, the skirts of these dresses are very flaring and frilly.

The skirts of tulle and chiffon dresses or those of lingerie, batiste or very thin silk are often finished at the hem with three little ruffles. These are only about three or four inches in width and are not gathered very full. A picot edging is used often instead of lace to finish them, or a very narrow satin ribbon, perhaps in a double lengthwise stripe.

Little puffed sleeves that come only halfway to the elbow are considered very correct, and they go well with the general empire contour of the gown.

In linen dresses the empire waist line has a belt of the same that has a slot inset in the middle of it of another color.

## Something New in Neckwear



Something new in neckwear has lately been added to the array of crisp and dainty pieces that came in with the fall season. The new arrivals are made of the same materials but have taken their cue from the high collars of wraps and street gowns, and their foundation is a band, fitting close about the neck, and as wide as it can be worn.

To this band of thin material, wings, tabs, and flaring pieces are added in a variety of shapes and finish that seems unlimited. Fine embroidery on sheer fabrics makes them elegant, but their crisp daintiness is a fragile quality, and hence it is necessary to replace them often, for it is just these qualities that they are expected to lend to the costume. Two good examples of these novelties are pictured here and they serve to show the essential features of all of them.

The design at the left might be made, apparently, from embroidered handkerchiefs. It is merely a fitted band of organdie finished at the edges with small buttonhole-stitched scallops and having a flaring piece of the same kind set on at each side. The surface is decorated with scattered embroidered dots and little flower sprays.

## Braid Embroidery.

A fancy braid is being used a great deal to embellish designs on table runners and cushions. The braid comes in a variety of colors and is used in connection with herringbone, buttonhole, skeleton and many other embroidery stitches. A very good illustration of the effect the braid and various stitches give is noticed on a table runner of natural linen exhibited by an excellent shop. On either end a conventional floral design is stamped. The leaves and stems of

The collar at the right is one of several designs in which a double row of tabs is set on about the top. In each of these designs the upper and under row of tabs are unlike in shape and length. Both are finished with fine embroidery, and the effect of the two thicknesses of sheer material is very dainty.

All of these new collars set up very close about the neck and only a few of them are suited to the short-necked figure. These are those having a wide standing band shaped to apparently lengthen the neck, and a flaring portion that extends only about the sides and back. But the girl who cannot wear the wide standing collar may console herself by reflecting on how well she can wear the fashionable evening bodice, which leaves neck and shoulders and arms uncovered.

One should not fail to notice, when considering neckwear, the "choker" of narrow black velvet ribbon, about an inch wide, which is worn so effectively with evening gowns. It is fastened with a little flat bow and a small sparkling jewel in a pin is sometimes set against it.

*Julie Bottomley*

the flowers are covered with the green braid. The petals of the flowers are worked in yellow skeleton stitches, while the centers of the flowers are filled in with brown French knots.—Boston Herald.

## Discouraging.

The woman who marries a man to reform him must be discouraged to see how much work one small speech can require when an evangelist can arise and have them hitting the trail by the hundreds.

## CHRISTMAS AT BRACEBRIDGE HALL

HERE IS A DELIGHTFUL DESCRIPTION OF AN OLD ENGLISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION, TAKEN FROM THE "SKETCH BOOK," WRITTEN NEARLY A HUNDRED YEARS AGO BY WASHINGTON IRVING.

It was a brilliant moonlight night, but extremely cold; our chaise whirled rapidly over the frozen ground; the post-boy smacked his whip incessantly and a part of the time his horses were on a gallop. "He knows where he is going," said my companion, laughing, "and is eager to arrive in time for some of the merriment and good cheer of the servants' hall. My father, you must know, is a bigoted devotee of the old school, and prides himself upon keeping up something of old English hospitality. He is a tolerable specimen of what you will rarely meet with nowadays in its purity, the old English country gentleman; for our men of fortune spend so much of their time in town, and fashion is carried so much into the country, that the strong rich peculiarities of ancient rural life are almost polished away.

"My father was always scrupulous in exacting his holidays, and having us around him on family festivals. He used to direct and superintend our games with the strictness that some parents do the studies of their children. He was very particular that we should play the old English games according to their original form; and consulted old books for precedent and authority for every 'merry sport.' Yet I assure you there never was pedantry so delightful. It was the policy of the good old gentleman to make his children feel that home was the happiest place in the world, and I value this delicious home-feeling as one of the choicest gifts a parent could bestow."

## Queer Dinner Bell.

I had finished my toilet and was loitering with Frank Bracebridge in the library, when we heard a distinct thumping sound, which he informed me was a signal for the serving up of the dinner. The squire kept up old customs in kitchen as well as hall; and the rolling-pin, struck upon the dresser by the cook, summoned the servants to carry in the meats and fixings.

The dinner was served up in the great hall, where the squire always held his Christmas banquet. A blazing, crackling fire of logs had been heaped on, to warm the spacious apartment, and the flame went sparkling and wreathing up the wide-mouthed chimney. On the sideboard was a display of plate that might have vied (at least in variety) with Belshazzar's parade of the vessels of the temple: "Flagons, cans, cups, beakers, goblets, basins, and ewers;" the gorgeous utensils of good companionship that had gradually accumulated through many generations of jovial housekeepers. Before these stood two Yule candles, beaming like two stars of the first magnitude; other lights were distributed in branches, and the whole array glistened like a firmament of silver.

We were ushered into this banquetting scene with the sound of minstrelsy, the old harper being seated on a stool beside the fireplace, and twanging his instrument with a vast deal more power than melody. Never did Christmas board display a more goodly and gracious assemblage of countenances; those who were not handsome were, at least, happy; and happiness is a rare improver of your hard-favored visage.

## Enormous Pig's Head.

The parson said grace, which was not a short, familiar one, such as is commonly addressed to the Deity in these unceremonious days; but a long, courtly, well-worded one of the ancient school. There was now a pause, as if something was expected; when

suddenly the butler entered the hall with some degrees of bustle; he was attended by a servant on each side with a large wax-light, and bore a silver dish, on which was an enormous pig's head, decorated with rosemary, with a lemon in its mouth, which was placed with great formality at the head of the table. The moment this pageant made its appearance the harper struck up a flourish; at the conclusion of which the young Oxonian, on receiving a hint from the squire, gave, with an air of the most comic gravity, an old carol.

Though prepared to witness many of these little eccentricities, from being apprised of the peculiar hobby of mine host, yet, I confess, the parade with which so odd a dish was introduced somewhat perplexed me, until I gathered from the conversation of the squire and the parson that it was meant to represent the bearing in of the boar's head; a dish formerly served up with much ceremony and the sound of minstrelsy and song, at great tables, on Christmas day. "I like the old custom," said the squire, "not merely because it is stately and pleasing in itself, but because it was observed at the college at Oxford at which I was educated. When I hear the old song chanted, it brings to mind the time when I was young and gamesome—and the noble old college hall—and my fellow-students loitering about in their black gowns; many of them, poor lads, are now in their graves!"

## That Threesome Parson.

The parson, however, whose mind was not haunted by such associations, and who was always more taken up with the text than the sentiment, objected to the Oxonian's version of the carol, which he affirmed, was different from that sung at college. He went on, with the dry perseverance of a commentator, to give the college reading, accompanied by sundry annotations; addressing himself at first to the company at large; but finally their attention gradually diverted to other talk and other objects, he lowered his tone as his number of auditors diminished, until he concluded his remarks in an undertone to a fat-headed old gentleman next him, who was silently engaged in the discussion of a huge plateful of turkey.

The table was literally loaded with good cheer, and presented an epitome of country abundance, in this season of overflowing larders. A distinguished post was allotted to "ancient sirloin," as mine host termed it; being, as he added, "the standard of old English hospitality, and a joint of goodly presence, and full of expectation." There were several dishes quaintly decorated and which had evidently something traditional in their embellishments; but about which as I did not like to appear over-curious, I asked no questions.

## Follows Old Customs.

It would be tedious, perhaps, to my foolish fondness for odd and obsolete things, to which I am a little given, were I to mention the other make-shifts of this worthy old humorist, by which he was endeavoring to follow up, though at humble distance, this quaint customs of antiquity. I was pleased, however, to see the respect shown to his whims or his children and relatives; who, indeed, entered readily into the full spirit of them, and seemed all well versed in their parts; having doubtless been present

Italy is now a good market for fire extinguishers, a consular report says.

The number of sheep estimated to have been shorn last season in Australia and New Zealand was 109,692,264, which produced seven pounds and twelve ounces each head, including lambs, as against seven pounds for the previous season.

Official figures fix the number of cows in Hungary at 2,621,000, of which more than 2,000,000 are pure blooded animals of the best milk producing breeds.

ish Isles are named for Waterloo in consequence of the great victory that was won there over Napoleon on June 18, 1815, one in particular being the Waterloo bridge, the gas brackets on which were fashioned nearly years ago from cannon used at Waterloo.

Another instance is the monumental capital of the monument to Nelson, the hero of Trafalgar, which was made from old cannon, and at Aldershot there is an effigy of Wellington, and his charger Copenhagen, also made from worn-out guns. In the crypt of

at many a rehearsal. I was amused, too, at the air of profound gravity with which the butler and other servants executed the duties assigned them, however eccentric.

The dinner-time passed away in this flow of innocent hilarity; and though the old hall may have resounded in its time with many a scene of broader revel and yet I doubt whether it ever witnessed more honest and genuine enjoyment. How easy it is for one benevolent being to diffuse pleasure around him; and how truly is a kind heart a fountain of gladness, making everything in its vicinity to freshen into smiles; the joyous disposition of the worthy squire was perfectly contagious; he was happy himself, and disposed to make all the world happy; and the little eccentricities of his humor did but season, in a manner, the sweetness and philanthropy.

## The Children's Games.

After the dinner table was removed, the hall was given up to the younger members of the family, who, prompted to all kinds of noisy mirth by the Oxonian and Master Simon, made its old walls ring with their merriment, as they played at romping games. I delight in witnessing the gambols of children, and particularly at this happy holiday season, and could not help stealing out of the drawing room.

I found them at the game of blind-man's buff. Master Simon, who was the leader of their revels, and seemed on all occasions to fulfill the office of that ancient potentate, the Lord of Misrule, was blinded in the midst of the hall. The little beings were as busy about him as the mock fairies about Falstaff; pinching him, plucking at the skirts of his coat, and tickling him with straws. One fine blue-eyed girl of about thirteen, with her flaxen hair all in beautiful confusion, her frolic face in a glow, her frock half torn off her shoulders, a complete picture of a romp, was the chief tormentor; and from the sliness with which Master Simon avoided the smaller game, and hemmed this wild little nymph in corners, and obliged her to jump shrieking over chairs, I suspected the rogue of being not a whit more blinded than was convenient.

For my part I was in a continual excitement, from the varied scenes of whims and innocent gaiety passing before me. It was inspiring to me to see wild-eyed frolic and warm-hearted hospitality breaking out from among the chills and gloom of winter, and old age throwing off his anarchy, and catching once more the freshness of youthful enjoyment. I felt also an interest in the scene, from the consideration that these fleeting customs were passing fast into oblivion, and that this was, perhaps, the only family in England in which the whole of them were still punctiliously observed. There was a quaintness, too, mingled with all this revelry, that gave it a peculiar zest; it was suited to the time and place; and as the old manor house almost reeled with mirth and wassail, it seemed echoing back the joviality of long-departed years.

## Profitable Business.

Young Lady (in drug store)—Five two, please.

(Clerk hands them out.)

Young Lady—Have them delivered, please. They're for mother and I've going downtown for the day.

## Good Literature.

"It must be glorious to be put into a novel. Wouldn't you like that?" "Yes; I guess it would be pretty nice. But I'm satisfied. I'm mentioned in Bradstreet."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

St. Paul's there is the funeral car which bore the remains of Wellington to his last resting place, made entirely of enemy guns.

## Farmers Make Direct Sales.

The United Fruit Companies of Nova Scotia (Ltd.), a co-operative society of orchardists and farmers throughout the Annapolis valley, have opened a store in Halifax and will sell butter, eggs, vegetables, apples and other country produce direct from the farms to the consumer.

## LOCOMOTIVE OF THE FUTURE



Will Have a Total of Four Sets of Engines, Each Driving a Group of Eight Coupled Wheels.

## MONSTER OF THE RAIL

FUTURE LOCOMOTIVE WILL BE A VERITABLE GIANT.

Engineers Have Been Called On to Deal With Problem, and Have Achieved Results That Are Momentous.

When the huge multiplex Mallet engine was put to work on the Erie railroad, many thought that the limit of locomotive dimensions had been reached, but our engineers say "No." The output of the locomotive engine must be increased. Labor unions give us no rest, and the cost of wages and material is constantly rising. Apparently nothing will stop it, and the only way to meet the situation is by handling the traffic in larger and larger units. By this means, and by this only, can the enormous advance in the price of labor and material be met without a proportionate increase in rates, both freight and passenger.

One of the greatest difficulties encountered by engineers who are called upon to design powerful locomotives arises from the fact that the track gauge of our railways cannot be changed. Whether Stephenson's gauge of four feet 8½ inches is the best gauge is open to question. Brunel thought otherwise, and in 1836 he laid the track of the celebrated Great Western railway (England) to a gauge of seven feet; but the obvious necessity of a uniform gauge for English railways gradually forced the conversion of the Great Western railroad to the standard gauge, although George Stephenson himself admitted at the time that five feet two inches would have been a better gauge than four feet 8½ inches. Other eminent engineers gave their opinion that the standard gauge was too narrow for the proper development of the locomotive, and that a gauge of from five to six feet would have been preferable. However that may be, the standard gauge is here to stay; and not only this, but the clearance limits of platforms, bridges and tunnels are rigid and unchangeable; therefore the only way in which the dimensions of a locomotive engine can be increased is in the direction of its length.

A bold solution of this problem has been proposed by Mr. George R. Henderson, consulting engineer of the Baldwin locomotive works, by whose courtesy the leading particulars of this remarkable design are here published. By referring to the accompanying illustration, giving a general outline of the engine (some details being not yet fully worked out), it will be seen that the dimensions of this future locomotive are beyond anything hitherto placed on wheels. It will be remembered that the largest and most powerful locomotive in the world is the Erie engine already referred to. To compare this engine with the proposed locomotive now under consideration we will repeat some of the dimensions. The Erie engine with its steam tender weighs 853,000 pounds. The total wheel base measures 90 feet, and the tractive effort is 160,000 pounds.

Like the Erie locomotive, design includes a pair of cylinders placed under the tender, but with the addition of a third pair under the locomotive proper, thus making a total of four sets of engines, each set driving a group of eight coupled wheels, all of which are 60 inches in diameter. This locomotive will be known as the "Quadruplex," or 2-8-8-8-2 type.—From the Scientific American.

Shutting Out the Light. There are penitentiaries in some of our states which prevent prisoners from writing to their friends more than one letter a week—in some penitentiaries the rules may be even stricter. There is no limit to the number of letters a prisoner is allowed to receive, but they must be confined strictly to "business and family matters." No newspapers or periodicals are allowed to be received unless sent direct from publishers. It may be good policy to put some men behind bars and shut out physical light from them, but how the state can benefit by shutting out light from the minds of these prisoners we do not pretend to know. Perhaps some penitentiary warden can tell us. Here is a real subject for prison reformers.—Collier's.

Improved Type of Cars. Cars of a new type, with a capacity of 70 tons, are being placed in service by the Pennsylvania for hauling pipe of the National Tube company, 770,000 pounds having recently been shipped on these for export, consigned to the United States Steel Products company for the Oil Well Supply company.

Would Change Fiscal Year. Most of the American railways, according to a recent investigation, are in favor of changing the fiscal year from June 30 to December 31. Among 200 roads, operating 271,857 miles of railway, only 17 per cent, it is stated, voted to maintain the present arrangement.

Important Russian Line. A railroad, about five hundred miles long, has just been completed which will serve the richest mining and agricultural regions of Siberia.

Possibilities Are No More. It used to be considered hugely humorous in the old home village to say of some bow-legged man that he could not stop a pig in an alley. But nowadays bow-legged men so vastly outnumber swine that it is impossible to try the experiment in more than a comparatively few cases.

Convenient Aviator. A parachute for aviators that has been invented in England is compact enough to be worn in a helmet, ready for instant use.

Orchids From Burma. Burma is exporting orchids to the United States.

Tonsillitis From Bad Water. That enlarged tonsils are generally due to drinking impure water is the contention of Dr. F. Lucas Benham of Exeter, South Australia. He says that in every case he has seen the child was a great drinker of water from the faucet and that whenever he has been able to get filtered or boiled water substituted his patients have improved and their attacks have become rarer.

Trains Have Great Record. "Empire State" Has Covered a Distance Equal to Fourteen Round Trips to Moon.

The Famous Empire State Express of the New York Central, the first regular long-distance train in America to run at more than fifty miles an hour, including stops, has begun its twenty-fifth year. It has covered a distance of 6,518,600 miles, equal to fourteen round trips to the moon, and has carried approximately eight million passengers safely to their destination.

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Alaska Railroad Progresses. Thomas Riggs, Jr., a member of the Alaskan railway commission, recently arrived in Seattle, Wash., where he stated that, if congress appropriates \$9,000,000 annually for three years, the line from tidewater, at Seward, to Fairbanks, can be completed in that time. Mr. Riggs says the surveys are completed and eight miles of road-bed have been graded, and track will be laid within the next thirty days.

"There is very little hard rock work along the whole route," says Mr. Riggs. "The maximum grade is but one per cent. Fairbanks needs this road to get at the coal in the Nenana fields. The main deposit extends over a district 20 miles long and 15 miles wide. I saw veins 40 feet thick. Mining near Fairbanks should see great development as soon as this coal can be laid down ready for the operators."

## Bridges Expand in Summer.

Bridges expand or get larger in summer, and shrink in the shade or at night or in the winter. The rule is that heat makes everything expand and cold makes everything shrink. Cold is nothing but absence of heat. So we may say that everything contracts or expands according to the amount of heat in it. Metals have a most noticeable way of changing their size under the influence of heat. So when bridges are built of iron and steel the engineer has to allow for the change in the bridge's length. After he reckons on the amount of expansion he builds the bridge so that it has room to grow a little longer in the summer.

## Flowers for All Ages.

The rich little maid will march from her cradle to her grave through a continuous avenue of flowers. The rich little boy will go through life accumulating florists' bills as a result of it. When baby is born flowers from all mother's friends. Her first birthday brings a shower of flowers and at every birthday after that until she reaches the time when she no longer celebrates them, more flowers.

As a debutante she is a social bud surrounded by several wagonloads of flowers. When a bride she is very nearly smothered in the boxes sent from the florists, and so on until finally her coffin is entirely hidden by flowers.

## Cutting It Short.

"Judge, I wished to make affidavit that I killed a snake last week that was nine feet long. I killed this snake in a field back of my barn. I killed it with a hoe which I purchased in the spring of 1910. I was born—"

"Hold on," yelled the J. P. "You needn't make the affidavit as long as the pesky reptile."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## Improved Type of Cars.

Cars of a new type, with a capacity of 70 tons, are being placed in service by the Pennsylvania for hauling pipe of the National Tube company, 770,000 pounds having recently been shipped on these for export, consigned to the United States Steel Products company for the Oil Well Supply company.

## Would Change Fiscal Year.

Most of the American railways, according to a recent investigation, are in favor of changing the fiscal year from June 30 to December 31. Among 200 roads, operating 271,857 miles of railway, only 17 per cent, it is stated, voted to maintain the present arrangement.

## Important Russian Line.

A railroad, about five hundred miles long, has just been completed which will serve the richest mining and agricultural regions of Siberia.

## Possibilities Are No More.

It used to be considered hugely humorous in the old home village to say of some bow-legged man that he could not stop a pig in an alley. But nowadays bow-legged men so vastly outnumber swine that it is impossible to try the experiment in more than a comparatively few cases.

## Convenient Aviator.

A parachute for aviators that has been invented in England is compact enough to be worn in a helmet, ready for instant use.



## Christmas Time is the Present Time

### JEWELRY, THE GIET OF GIFTS

It is so, for a gift ought to be something more than the mere presentation of something worth about so much.

The aesthetic sense ought to be recognized. The fitness of the gift to the occasion ought to be considered.

Thus you always find Christmas and Jewelry inseparably connected.

The question for you to decide is what article of Jewelry is most suitable in each case. We would like to suggest that our stock furnishes innumerable suggestions. All your gift wants might easily be supplied from it—with profits to you—and satisfaction to those you wish to remember.

Because Jewelry is liked by every one.  
As we said, it is the gift of gifts.

**ANDREW PETERSON**  
Watchmaker and Jeweler

### Crawford Avalanche

O. P. Schumann, Editor and Proprietor.

**SUBSCRIPTION RATES.**  
One Year.....\$1.50  
Six Months......75  
Three Months......40

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 16

#### Toys at Brenner's.

Mrs. P. D. Borchers and son Clare, spent a couple of days of last week in Bay City.

Some thermometers around town this morning registered about 6 degrees below zero.

At the annual election of officers of Portage lodge, K. of P. last night, the old officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, with Carl Johnson as chancellor commander.

There will be a dance and oyster supper at the home of Alton Brott in Beaver Creek, Saturday night, Dec. 15th. You are cordially invited—come and bring your friends. 12-16-2

The City Park benefit vaudeville entertainment Friday night is sure to be a dandy. Seats are being reserved fast at the Central Drug store. The program appears on the last page of this paper.

#### Santa Claus again at Brenner's.

Andrew Brown, of Frederic was in the city Monday. He just returned from a visit in the southern part of the state.

Brick ice cream—fruit and other varieties, for Christmas at Olaf-Sorenson & Sons. Orders must be in by Wednesday the 22nd.

Mrs. J. C. Burton left last night for Bay City after receiving a message that Mrs. Sarah Phelps was dying. Mrs. Phelps has been a guest at the Burton home several times and is quite well known here.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Shaw returned last Tuesday morning from Arkansas, being called there by the death of Mrs. Shaw's father. They have been absent about three weeks. Mr. Shaw resumed his duties in the M. C. R. ticket office yesterday morning.

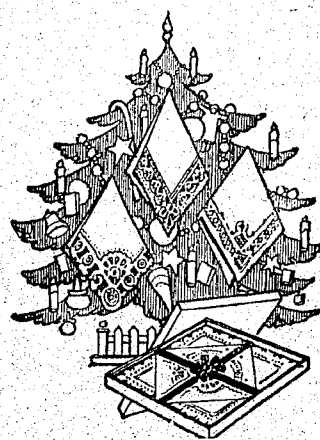
Devere Burgess has opened new billiard parlors over the Simpson grocery, the place lately occupied by C. Trombley for the same purpose. The tables and equipment are all new and the best that ever came to the city. You are invited to come up and enjoy some of this fine sport.

Christmas calendars, seals, tags, stickers, crepe paper and tissues. A. M. Lewis.

Local news on other pages.

## SALLING, HANSON CO.

Established 1878



## YULETIDE PRESENTS

She surely will approve of your taste if you buy her Present at this Store.

Here is where she does her own shopping and is familiar with the High Quality of our merchandise.

BEAUTIFUL  
PRACTICAL

GIFTS

SERVICEABLE  
SENSIBLE

Our big display of useful articles for ladies makes buying easy—and because everything is so new, late style and high quality you are sure to buy just right. You will find everything here that you may expect to find in a well managed dry goods store, in good reliable qualities.



Fathers, Mothers, Brothers, Sisters, Husbands, Wives, Lovers and Sweethearts

## SORENSEN BROS. IS The Store of Useful Gifts

And how splendidly we've prepared the things that will please "him or her" most. Everything the finest in style and quality. Remember the "Art of giving." It is not that we have so few articles to select from, but as we may say, too many—an embarrassment of choice. Remember that we are specialists, featuring suitable gifts for everyone.

### Dressing Cases for Men

Man's Home Comforts when traveling.  
Prices

**\$1.25 and \$5.50**



Prepare for Christmas 1915

### For the Woman who Travels

Manicuring Outfits, Jewel Boxes, Sewing Boxes, Etc.

Very attractive and convenient necessities, of French Ivory, Ebony and others in all prices.

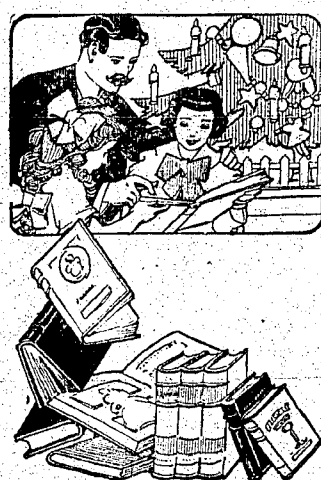


Everything for the baby to play with.

### BOOKS

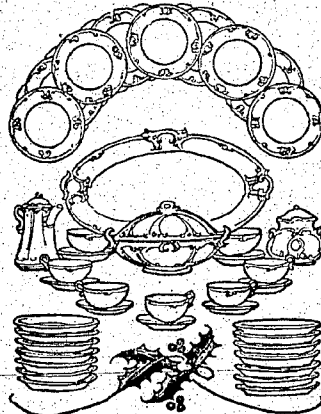
For old and young and all kinds. Prices from

**5c to \$1.35**



### China

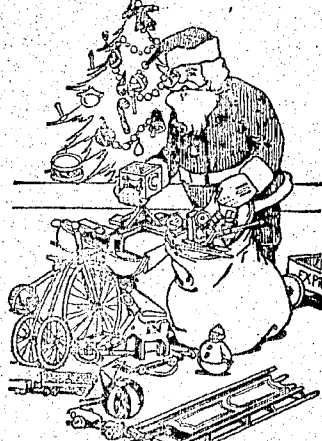
From Dinner Sets to all kinds of single pieces of good China.



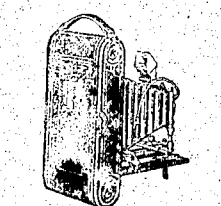
**China! China! China!**

### Toys

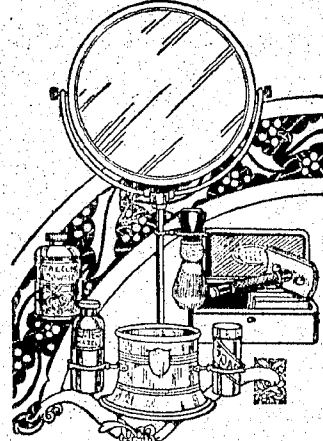
Boys and girls, everyone. Be sure and come down and look over our complete line of Toys.



### Brownie Kodaks and Cameras



The most complete line of Kodaks ever in Grayling. Prices of Kodaks on hand from \$1.25 to \$22.50. Also a full line of supplies and needs.



### Shaving Outfits and Articles

All Prices.

Also all kinds of articles, such as

Desk Outfits  
Ink Wells  
Book Racks

and other articles too numerous to mention.

Book-cases, Smoking Sets, Coustmer's Brass and Wood Beds, Chairs, Rockers, Buffets, Kitchen Cabinets, Pictures, Tables, Desks, Sewing Machines, Music Cabinets, China Closets, Etc.

ONLY ONE MORE WEEK BEFORE XMAS

**SORENSEN BROS.,**

THE HOME OF  
DEPENDABLE FURNITURE.

### American Lady Shoes



### For the Men

### American Gentleman Shoes



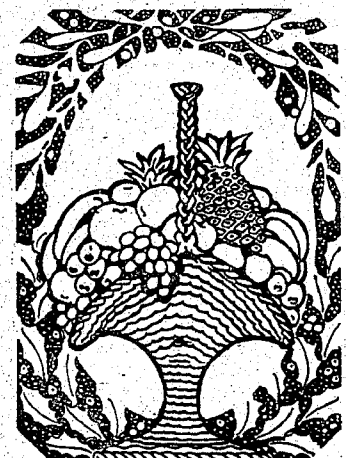
To please a man is not difficult. Men are practically common-sense creatures and they like practical things—particularly things to wear. But of course the gifts should be good.

If you give him a Tie—see that it is a beauty. Same with Shirts, Gloves, Hosiery, Shoes, Slippers, Etc.

### Groceries for Your Christmas Dinner

We Are Ready For You

We are ready to do our part toward that big Christmas dinner you are whetting your appetite for. Come right along and get the Groceries. We have stocked up for the occasion and have some special Christmas delicacies that will please you.



## Salling, Hanson Co.

The Pioneer Store

\$8.00 fine all leather traveling bags at \$6.00, at Brenner's.

#### Mercy Hospital Notes.

Miss Kate Elliott of Gaylord is a patient at Mercy hospital and is doing nicely.

Mrs. W. H. Warren, who had been a patient at Mercy hospital for a week was dismissed last Saturday.

Mrs. Andrew Holzchu was dismissed from Mercy hospital Monday and returned to her home at Waters.

John Milborn of Sterling, who was injured on the M. C. R. R. left for his home Monday, after being at Mercy hospital for several days.

John Sullivan, who suffered a fractured limb, while at work at Legrand has been at Mercy hospital for about eight weeks. He left Monday for his home in Wolverine.

Miss Marion Carrick left last Monday for her home in Roscommon after being at Mercy hospital for the past six weeks. Miss Carrick underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Stanley Kruskey of the Stephens Lumber Co., Waters, who had his hand injured while at work, is doing nicely at the hospital, as is Emil Drancho, of the Salling, Hanson Co., who also had his hand injured.

Mrs. George Nichols of Gaylord, who has been at Mercy hospital for the past three weeks, having undergone an operation a couple of weeks ago, is doing nicely and will be able to leave the hospital in a few days.

Fine line of safety razors. A. M. Lewis

Buy it at HOME this Christmas

Keep Prosperity in THIS Town

## Christmas Baking

IT IS CHEAPER to buy than to bake for the Christmas dinner. Let us do your baking for you, and save you money and time and much hard work. Talk to us about it early.

Special preparations have been made for doing all kinds of holiday baking, giving it that peculiar "home flavor" which is so much in demand everywhere.

### A Few Suggestions:

Try our New Silver Slice Cake  
New England Dark Fruit Cake  
Pepper Nuts

Honey Nuts  
Christmas Cookies  
Apple Cake

### Do Not Fail to Register for a Calendar

We are going to give to our customers by far the prettiest calendar that was ever given away in Grayling.

## Model Bakery and Grocery

THOS. CASSIDY, Prop'r.

### Trappers

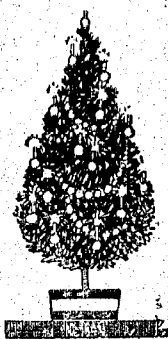
I will buy your raw Furs and pay the best market price.

CHAS. FEHR.

## Home Talent Vaudeville

Opera House, Friday night Dec. 17. Tickets at Olson's drug store





## This Store MAKES GOOD on EVERY PURCHASE

We never allow any house to sell better goods than we do, or to sell them for less money. We set the pace in everything we handle, in every sale that we make. It is a way that we have—and it is a way that pays us and PAYS YOU. Buy from the STORE THAT MAKES GOOD.

### For Christmas:



#### Delicious Candies

Always appropriate—always welcome—always pleases. Every girl loves to receive candy for Christmas. Include a box with her Christmas gift.

Gilbert's Chocolates, per pound	\$.80
Gilbert's Assorted Nuts, per pound	1.00
Maxie Cherries, per pound	.39
Liggett's Assorted Nuts, per pound	1.00
Liggett's Chocolates, per pound	.80
Johnson's Chocolates, per pound	.60
Guth's Old Fashioned Twisted Stick Candy—made of pure sugar, enjoyed by old and young, two-pound box for	.39

#### WHITE IVORY

We have the finest selection of White Ivory pieces and sets that ever came to Grayling—Buffers, Hair Brushes, Cloth Brushes, Mirrors, Trays, Combs, Manicures, Picture Frames, Etc.

A specially fine White Ivory Hair Brush at \$2.50

#### Smokers' Goods

A good cigar will keep any man happy. We have all the leading brands—we will help you to select the kind of a cigar he smokes. Standard brands of Cigars in plain and Xmas boxes. \$1.00 to \$4.00 per box. Pipes, all styles from .25c up to \$5.00. All the leading brands of Tobaccos in plain and Christmas packages.

#### Razors and Shaving Outfits

In this department we have about everything that will appeal to the man who shaves. Good A No. 1 Razors and Safety Razors from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Standard brands of Shaving Soaps, Face Lotions, Talcums, Hair Shampoos and Tonics. You will enjoy shaving yourself with one of our Fine Safety Razors.

FINE STATIONERY, PENNANTS, FANCY WALL HANGERS, ETC.

#### Perfumes and Toilet Waters

Palmer's, Jennings', Colgates', Foote and Jenks' and other brands of exquisite Perfumes in bulk and fancy bottles. This is a gift that is always proper and appreciated. Also Toilet Waters—they are among the many desirable things for Christmas presents. Do not overlook the many attractive articles in our Perfume and Toilet Article departments.

#### Tinker Toys

We have the newest things in Tinker Toys, for building all kinds of miniature structures. They interest the father as well as the children. There should be a set in every home.

FANCY CHRISTMAS CALENDARS, SEALS, TAGS, STICKERS, etc., and CRÉPES and TISSUES

#### Cameras and Photo Supplies

No home is quite complete without a Camera or Kodak. They record the history of a family better than in any other way. Our line of Ansco Cameras in adjustable and universal focus meet the high endorsement of the professional and the amateur. Prices from \$2.00 to \$25.00. We carry a full line of Films and other Photo Supplies.

#### Books and Magazines

Our Book and Magazine department is full. Books for the kiddies and books for the grown-ups, too. Kipling, Stevenson, Longfellow, Hawthorne, Shakespeare, Porter, Churchill, Wright, London and all the other well-known authors. This is the GREAT CHRISTMAS BOOK STORE. All the latest magazines and periodicals. A year's subscription to some magazine is also good.

Nail Files, Buffers and Complete Manicuring Sets

#### Fountain Pens

Here again we offer a suggestion that as a Christmas gift finds a ready welcome to the pocket of any man. A good fountain pen, like the Sheaffer (self-filling) seems to be appropriate to both men and women. We will be glad to explain them to you when you come to the store. Prices from \$1.00 to \$4.00.

**Thermos Bottles** All sizes and prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$3.00 each.

Do not wait until the last minute—come in to-day and buy some of these fine Christmas gifts. If desired we will lay them away for later delivery.

**A. M. Lewis,**

DRUGGIST  
Phone 18

### Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 16

#### Local News

Cameras from \$2 to \$25. A. M. Lewis. We buy hats and furs at Brenner's.

Harold Swaffill spent Sunday visiting friends at Wolverine.

Miss Flora Hanson is a new clerk at the Sorenson Bros., store during the holiday rush.

Mrs. Chris Adams and youngest daughter left Monday for a short visit with her parents at Deward.

Miss Bessie Brown is assisting at Holliday's Bazaar after school and evenings during the busy holiday season.

Do your Christmas shopping both early and late. You can't afford to miss the exulting joys of the grand rush.

Do your Christmas shopping early but remember a safe and sane Christmas tree means fewer fires and fewer fatalities.

Wanted—the people of Grayling to come and look over our Xmas novelties, Kodaks, China, Toys etc. Sorenson Bros.

Miss Flora Hanson celebrated her birthday anniversary last Sunday evening by entertaining a number of friends at her home.

Taxes are now due and the rolls for the collection of state and county taxes are now at the Bank of Grayling, ready to receive payments.

Fine feathers at the Opera house last Sunday evening were exceptionally fine. It featured Janet Beecher, one of the popular movie actresses.

Miss Lillian Bates spent Sunday in Cadillac and visited at her home here Monday. She returned to her school duties at Vanderbilt Tuesday morning.

No man can expect the rest of the world to think him a saint unless he is one. And by the same token we are not looking for any shower of bouquets.

Miss Rosanna Sachs arrived Monday from Detroit to spend the holidays with her parents and friends here. Miss Sachs is employed in a millinery establishment in that city.

A snake, a liar, a gossip and a loud mouthed bully are among the most deleterious abominations this world has ever produced—except the cuss who reads his home paper for five years and then refuses to pay.

Gibbstown, N. J.  
Enclosed please find \$1.50 for which forward to our old home friend the Avalanche for twelve months. All is well with me and my family. Cordially yours,  
FRED BELMORE.

Tony Nelson is confined to his home with an attack of appendicitis. He took sick last Friday and was quite seriously ill for a few days. It is thought by the attending physician that an operation will not be necessary at present.

The Avalanche hereby acknowledges credit for the report of the Farmers' Institute, held in the Court house in this city last week Friday and Saturday by Marion R. Hopkins, of Beaver Creek. The report appears on the first page of this issue.

Miss Edith McDonald returned to her home in Wolverine Saturday afternoon, after spending the week here visiting friends. Mr. McDonald visited his wife here over Sunday. Mrs. McDonald is here for medical treatment and is the guest at the Will Havens home.

The fair and supper given by the W. C. T. U. ladies last Saturday afternoon and evening was a success in every way. Many beautiful articles of embroidery and crochet work were on display and together with the excellent supper netted the ladies a neat little sum for the treasury.

Mr. and Mrs. Nikolin Schjoltz entertained several young ladies at their home last Thursday evening. Cards were the order of entertainment, Miss Hattie Gierke capturing the first prize and Miss Margrethe Hemmison on the consolation in playing plectro. A delicious luncheon was served late in the evening, and each guest found at their place at the table a beautiful souvenir spoon as a favor. The guests included the Misses Anna Nelson, Anna Fischer, Fedora Tetu, Hattie Gierke, Anna Jensen, Margrethe Hemmison, Wilda and Bessie Failing, Edna McCullough, Nina Peterson and Minnie Nelson.

John W. Jordan, who will be well remembered by our citizens, of thirty years ago, who came from Jonesville, to work for O. Palmer and built the first planing mill in our city and was foreman for three years, died in Toledo, Nov. 29 and was buried beside his wife in the Jonesville cemetery. His oldest daughter, Mrs. Emma Frary, resides in Toledo and he has lived with her for several years. The young son of the late John W. Jordan, who was in the dry goods trade here but moved to Johannesburg at its birth and remained in the employ of the Lumber Company's store in that place until about a year ago when he moved to Ohio. One son is on a farm near Jonesville and another in Indiana.

Fire insurance is too cheap to be without. Why are you so negligent? GEO. L. ALEXANDER & SON.

Stationery, pennants, etc. A. M. Lewis.

Your clothes cleaned and pressed right, at Brenner's. If Miss Maude Tetu spent the fore part of the week in Roscommon and Bay City.

Miss Hattie Gassel of Lewiston was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Brenner.

Margrethe Bauman returned home Monday after a several days visit in Bay City and Saginaw.

Miss Florence McCormick of Lovells spent the latter part of last week here visiting Mrs. E. S. Houghton.

If Uncle Sam has to take a licking he will have the supreme satisfaction of knowing it is the first one and that it is trailing along late in life.

Finest assortment of white ivory goods we ever had. Ask to see our special offer of a white ivory hair brush for \$2.50. A. M. Lewis.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's clothing cleaned, pressed and all kinds of alterations. Also furs remodeled. Next to G. A. R. M. Weingard, Tailor.

Dr. and Mrs. Whitaker entertained the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whitaker, of near West Branch, the latter part of last week, they returning home Monday.

Standard brands of cigars in regular and Xmas boxes, \$1.00 to \$4.00. Let us help you to select his favorite brand. Also pipes from 25 cents to \$5.00 each, and tobaccos put up in handsome packages. A. M. Lewis.

The members of the Loyal Order of Moose enjoyed a fine venison "feed," at their club rooms Monday night. About forty-five members gathered around the festive board and four hind quarters were nearly all devoured. The venison was contributed by Sheriff Cody of this city, and Pat Burke of Frederic. Thomas Cassidy roasted the meat and made the gravy in one of his large bakery ovens, and whether it was the quality of the venison or the way it was prepared, we are not in a position to say, but those who were there claim it was "the best ever."

The Bay City Hunting and Fishing club is seriously considering the erection of a handsome new club house on the south branch of the AuSable river, four miles from Roscommon. At the annual meeting of the club held in Bay City, Tuesday evening, the board of directors were instructed to secure plans for the building, which will be inspected and considered at the next meeting of the club members. The board of directors are here today for the purpose of looking over the ground and reaching a conclusion as to the sort of a building which would best meet the requirements of the members.—Roscommon Herald News.

A post card from Major M. J. Phillips, written from Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 10th, says as follows: "Have been out in Golden Gate state since Nov. 3, going to school at the moving picture plants but doing some sight seeing, too. Going to San Diego tomorrow for a few days. Leave here for home about Dec. 27th. Family is with me." This little message will be as interesting to his other friends in Grayling as it is to us, and we therefore take the liberty to publish it. Major Phillips has been arranging a set of moving pictures that were taken during last summer's M. N. G. encampment, showing Camp Abbey in motion. We trust that in due time the people of Grayling may be privileged to view them, and no doubt we will, if the Major has anything to do with them.

Sheaffers' self-filling fountain pens. None better. \$1 to \$4. A. M. Lewis.

#### Owes Her Good Health to Chamberlain's Tablets

"I owe my good health to Chamberlain's Tablets," writes Mrs. R. G. Neff, Crookston, Ohio. "Two years ago I was an invalid due to stomach trouble. I took three bottles of these Tablets and have since been in the best of health." Obtainable everywhere.



#### A Picture of Father and Mother

How it would delight your children. How it would please your friends.

Life is uncertain

Make an Appointment to have a Sitting to-day or this evening.

Close Photo Co.  
New Studio  
Grayling, Michigan



## Fifty Gifts— Fifty Dollars

To people unfamiliar with this store it would seem that to select fifty gifts from our stock would require a small fortune. Those who know realize that they could make such a selection and not exceed fifty dollars.

If you are not already our customer, a pleasant surprise awaits you here.

In addition to our high class service our quality guarantee goes with each piece, be it priced little or much.

**C. J. HATHAWAY**

JEWELER

OPTOMETRIST



This year we are showing the largest and finest assortment of

## XMAS CANDIES

ever shown in town.

We have a complete line of Nuts, Popcorn, Popcorn Balls, Dates and Figs and don't forget to order a box of Barnum's Animals for the children. We have 200 boxes at 5c each.

#### Our Grocery Department

Is complete and up-to-date and we can surely fill your order to the best of satisfaction. Remember we handle a complete line of Bakery Goods fresh every morning from

**THE HANSON BAKERY**

P. S.—Make this Xmas the happiest one you have in years by leaving your order at

## PETERSEN'S

The store that gives QUALITY, SERVICE, PRICE

## A Man With An Appetite

Is often the cause of endless perplexity to the careful and conscientious housewife. She wants him to have the best, she wants him to be satisfied, but she simply MUST keep the table expense down.

We cater to the good judgment of all such housewives. We carry a stock of Groceries and Provisions that can not be surpassed in this locality, either in quality or in the economy of price. We sell you goods that give the greatest possible satisfaction, yet we keep the price right down to the economy figure. In each article you get the greatest nutriment at the minimum price.

## DeWAELE & SON

GROCERS

The Home of Good Things to Eat



## FURS

Get "More Money" for your Furs  
MUSKRAT, SKUNK, RACCOON, BEAVER, COYOTES, BEAR, LYNX and other fur bearers collected in your section  
SHIP YOUR FURS DIRECT TO "SHUBERT" the largest house in the world dealing exclusively in NORTH AMERICAN FURS  
We will give you the highest price for your furs and we will ship them to the best market for you. Write for it NOW it's FREE  
A. B. SHUBERT, Inc. 25 WEST AUSTIN AVE. DEPT. 816 CHICAGO, U.S.A.



## Council Proceedings.

A Regular meeting of the Common Council of the Village of Grayling convened at the Town Hall Monday evening December 6th, 1915.

Meeting called to order by H. Peterson, president. Trustees present: Cook, Jorgenson, Canfield, McCullough and Herrick. Absent: Taylor. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Finance Committee's reports read to wit: To the President and members of the Common Council of the Village of Grayling. Your committee on Finance, Claims, and Accounts respectfully recommend that the accompanying bills be allowed as follows:

- 1-A. Kraus Estate, Supplies... \$ 4.10
- 2-O. P. Schumann, Printing... 1.50
- 3-Salling, Hanson Co., Suppl's... 6.90
- 4-Mackinnon Boiler & Machine Co., Sewer... 2.00
- 5-C. C. Feltz, Fire R... 4.50
- 6-Julius Nelson, Pay Roll ending November 30th... 163.00
- 7-Grayling Electric Co., Service... 127.00
- 8-Glen Smith, Services Sept. to Dec... 50.00
- 9-W. H. Cody, Services MacDermid Case... 2.20
- 10-O. P. Schumann, Services MacDermid Case... 5.75

W. Jorgenson and C. A. Canfield Committee.

Moved by Jorgenson and supported by McCullough that the report be accepted and orders drawn on the treasurer for the amounts. Motion carried.

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Canfield:

Be it resolved that the following ordinance be and the same is hereby enacted: to wit:

## Ordinance No. 17.

An ordinance granting permission and authority to the E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company and to its successors and assigns, to construct, operate and maintain a sewer along and under State Street in the Village of Grayling, Michigan.

The Village of Grayling ordains, as follows, to wit:

Section 1. That consent, permission and authority be and the same is hereby given, granted and duly vested in and to the E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and duly admitted and authorized to transact business in the State of Michigan, and to its successors and assigns, to construct, own, operate, maintain and use a sewer along and under State Street in said Village of Grayling from the South limits and boundary line of said Village, North to the Au Sable River and to discharge the contents of said sewer into the Au Sable River so long as it and its successors and assigns may desire. Said sewer may also be used by the employees and tenants of said E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company and of its successors and assigns.

Section 2. Whenever and at such time as said E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, its successors and assigns, shall cease to operate its plant adjoining the said Village of Grayling and shall abandon the same, permanently, said sewer shall immediately become and remain forever the property of said Village of Grayling.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on and after the day of its passage.

Passed, ordained and ordered published this 6th day of December, 1915.

H. Peterson, Village President.

T. P. Peterson, Village Clerk.

Trustee McCullough moved that the resolution be accepted and adopted and the ordinance enacted. Trustee Herrick supported the motion. A roll call was then had upon the question which resulted as follows: to wit: Trustees Cook, Jorgenson, Canfield, McCullough and Herrick voted yea. Trustee Taylor, absent.

A majority of the members of the council having voted in favor thereof the ordinance was declared duly enacted, and the clerk was directed to have the same printed in the Crawford Avalanche as the law directs.

The following resolution was offered by Trustee McCullough:

Be it resolved that the following amendment to section 4 of Ordinance No. 1, entitled "Relative to Licenses," be and the same is hereby enacted: to wit:

## Ordinance No. 18.

An ordinance to amend section 4 of ordinance No. 1 of the village of Grayling, as amended, entitled "Relative to Licenses."

The Village of Grayling Ordains:

Section 1.

Section 4 of ordinance No. 1 of said Village of Grayling, as amended, entitled "Relative to Licenses," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4. All peddlers and hawkers exercising their calling within the Village of Grayling, except peddlers and hawkers who are residents of said Village of Grayling, shall before doing so, obtain a license therefor, and shall pay for such license for one week the sum of ten dollars, and for less time the sum of two dollars for each day. The same shall apply to all persons selling or offering for sale goods, wares or merchandise, by hand, hand cart, show stand, vehicle or otherwise from house to house in said village or upon the public streets or grounds of said village. This section shall not apply to residents of the county of Crawford selling domestic fruits, vegetables, dairy or farm products, or butchers' meat by their raised, grown or produced. All residents of the said village selling or offering for sale popcorn or peanuts on the public streets or grounds of said village, shall before doing so, obtain a license therefor and shall pay for such license the sum of five dollars per month.

This ordinance shall take effect January 1st, 1916.

Passed, ordained and ordered published this 6th day of December, 1915.

H. Peterson, Village President.

T. P. Peterson, Village Clerk.

Trustee Herrick moved that the resolution be accepted and adopted and the ordinance enacted. Trustee Jorgenson supported the motion. A roll call was then had upon the question which resulted as follows: to wit: Trustees Cook, Jorgenson, Canfield, McCullough and Herrick voted yea. Trustee Taylor was absent.

A majority of the members of the council having voted in favor thereof the ordinance was declared duly enacted, and the clerk was directed to have the same printed in the Crawford Avalanche as the law directs.

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Herrick:

Be it resolved that the following ordinance be and the same is hereby enacted: to wit:

## Ordinance No. 19.

An ordinance relative to the licensing of carriers of passengers for hire and of the vehicle used therefor; to provide for a penalty for violation thereof, and repealing all inconsistent ordinances or parts of ordinances.

The Village of Grayling Ordains:

Section 1. No person shall use or offer for use any carriage, sleigh, automobile or other vehicle within the limits of the Village of Grayling for the carriage of passengers for hire without having first obtained a license for such vehicle as provided for in section 2 of this ordinance, and no person shall drive any such vehicle without a license so to do as hereinafter provided. Provided, that this ordinance shall not apply to persons passing through said village with passengers or carrying passengers to said village from points outside thereof.

Section 2. Any person who is a resident of the Village of Grayling may obtain a license for his vehicle to be used in carrying passengers for hire within said village by his paying to the village treasury therefor the sum of three dollars for each of his said vehicles to be so used. Any person who is not a resident of the said village of Grayling may obtain a license for his vehicle to be used in carrying passengers for hire in said village by his paying to the village treasury therefor the sum of two dollars for each and every day each of his said vehicles is so used, (meaning thereby two dollars per day per vehicle) and any person above the age of eighteen years, of good moral character may obtain a license as driver upon his executing a bond to said village in the penal sum of one hundred dollars with at least one good and sufficient surety thereon conditioned in substance that the principal shall well and truly keep and obey and observe all laws and ordinances of said village and all laws of the State of Michigan, which said bond shall also have indorsed thereon a certificate of the village marshal showing in substance that the principal in said bond is believed to be a person of good moral character and a proper person to receive a license as driver of public conveyances, which when so signed and indorsed shall be presented to the village council, and if approved by said village council, the applicant may receive such license by paying therefor the sum of one dollar.

Section 3. All licenses issued by virtue of this ordinance to persons who are residents of the Village of Grayling shall be for one year, and to non-residents for as many days as shall be paid for, unless the same be sooner revoked and annulled as hereinafter provided.

Section 4. Whoever shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof be fined not exceeding the sum of one hundred dollars or imprisonment in the county jail of Crawford county not exceeding ninety days, or both, in the discretion of the court, and if the convicted person shall have a license issued by virtue of this ordinance, the village council may, by a majority vote, therefor, revoke and annul the license of such offender, but such revoking or annulling shall not entitle such offender to receive back any portion of the sum paid for such license.

Section 5. All bonds given under any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be for the benefit of persons injured by reason of any violation of this ordinance or by the violation of any of the provisions of said bond, and any person so injured may bring suit on such bond in the name of the Village of Grayling for his, her or their benefit.

Section 6. All other ordinances of said Village of Grayling pertaining to the licensing of vehicles for hire or for the carriage of passengers, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall take effect on the 1st day of January, 1916.

Passed, ordained and ordered published this 6th day of December, 1915.

H. Peterson, Village President.

T. P. Peterson, Village Clerk.

Trustee McCullough moved that the resolution be accepted and adopted and the ordinance enacted. Trustee Canfield supported the motion.

A roll call was then had upon the question which resulted as follows: Trustees Cook, Jorgenson, Canfield, McCullough and Herrick voted yea. Trustee Taylor was absent.

A majority of members of the Council, having voted in favor thereof the ordinance was declared duly enacted, and the clerk was directed to have the same printed in the Crawford Avalanche as the law directs.

Moved by Canfield and supported by Cook that we adjourn. Motion carried.

T. P. Peterson, Village Clerk.



## Cut Flowers

Carnations, pink and white, \$1.00 per dozen.  
Carnations, red, \$1.25 per dozen.  
Sweet Peas 25c per dozen.

## Potted Plants

Cyclamen, Poinsettias, Azalias, Callas, Boston Ferns, Jerusalem Cherry, Begonia, Primroses.

## Wreaths

Wax, Metal, Cycas Leaves, Magnolia Leaves, \$1.00 up

Smilax, Lettuce, Parsley

Place your orders for Red Carnations early.  
Not later than December 20.  
Telephone or call on us.

## Grayling Greenhouses

Greenhouses open from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m.  
Sundays and holidays to 9:30 a. m.



May each Christmas, as it comes, find us more and more like him who, as at this time, became a little child for our sake, more simple-minded, more humble, more holy, more affectionate, more resigned, more happy, more full of God.—J. H. Newman.

## Home Made Presents.

"I thought I'd be economical this year and make my Christmas presents myself, instead of buying them," said Mrs. Harlow. "So I bought a book of instructions and went ahead."

"How did you make out?" asked Mrs. Bronx.

"The materials footed up to \$43.58, and I put in a month's hard sewing and cutting."

"How did that compare with last year?"

"Last year I bought all I wanted for \$36."

First Christmas Card.

In December, 1844, Mr. W. A. Dobson sent the first Christmas card.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

(Seal) A. W. Gleason, Notary Public.

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## CHRISTMAS IN NAVY

How the Festive Season Is Observed Aboard Ship.

Not Much Work Is Done—Athletic Sports, Traditional Dinner and Evening Entertainment Features of Occasion.

NOWHERE in all the world is the "spirit of Christmas" entered into more wholeheartedly than on board the ships of the United States navy.

Observance of this chief of all national holidays varies, of course, in form with the location of the fleet at the time.

Into each of the continental "home ports" (headquarters of certain individual vessels) the big gray monsters come dropping in by twos and threes, till, in New York and Philadelphia, and Norfolk and Frisco, it looks almost like a naval review. According to long established custom, they are there to give the boys in blue a run on the beach ("liberty," as they call it in the service), and every man jack who is not actually undergoing punishment is allowed and encouraged to take his look at the bright lights—go home on leave or uptown for fun or anything else he likes as long as his money lasts but away from the ship in any event. This custom applies not alone to the enlisted men, but to the officers as well, and when Christmas morning dawns in a home port, there are not likely to be many more persons on board any man-of-war than the regulations call for in the minimum.

The few "shipkeepers" cannot, under such circumstances, make a very successful effort toward merriment. Rear Admiral Samuel McGowan writes in the National Monthly, but what they lack in numbers they invariably make up in other ways, one of these ways being the complete satisfaction of the inner man.

Abroad and at sea, though, it is altogether different. Every soul on



board, from the usually sedate flag officer and the more or less unapproachable first lieutenant, down to "Jimmy-legs" and the ship's cook and the messenger boy, voluntarily constitutes himself a committee of one to see the thing through in "old navy" fashion, and even King Neptune, when he comes on board on crossing the line to douse every hayseed and landlubber, has a formidable rival in the "spirit of Christmas."

It matters not much whether the ship be anchored off Vera Cruz or plowing through the Pacific ocean, the duties from home and friends makes it incumbent on all to do their level best to make at least a brave try for "Merry Christmas."

Routine drills are entirely suspended, and except for cleaning ship (cleanliness in the navy being deemed not only akin to, but actually neck and neck with godliness itself), not a lick of avoidable work is allowed to be done by anybody.

"All hands" are called, to be sure, on scheduled time, but many more men than usual are allowed to "sleep in," and, after the tiniest minimum of tidying up, preparations for the day's festivities are gotten under way.

There is a varied athletic program that begins in the forenoon, and after an hour or so for dinner at midday, continues well along toward sunset. Sailors are taught to be thorough. So they go at their potato races and pie-eating contests and tugs of war and jumping contests with the same fervor that they show when trying for a 13-inch turret gun record or stamping out a Caribbean revolution. There is no lack of interest. That can be depended on. And when call is sounded they are a tired lot.

Toward sunset the various contests have been completed (or not unusually called off "on account of darkness," as the baseball people say), and, after an early supper, a stage is rigged up on the quarter-deck and the crowning event of the entire celebration is on. Sometimes it is a minstrel show, another time a vaudeville performance, but without exception there is plenty of music and near music, and no such entertainment would be complete without the inevitable and inimitable cakewalk. Some of the improvised costumes are fearfully and wonderfully made. But they are striking and, for the most part, very appropriate, while the prouetting and gyrating of the cakewalkers themselves are well worth seeing. The program is a long one, but interest never lags for a moment—for American sailors are just as thorough at play as they are while at work.

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Because it loosens and relieves a cold and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition.

Because it does not contain opium or any other narcotic.

Because it is within the reach of all. It only costs a quarter. Obtainable everywhere.



Pure candies for Christmas. Gilbert's and Liggett's assorted chocolates and nut chocolates; Johnson's chocolates; Maxine cherries; pure twisted stick candies and many other kinds. A. M. Lewis.

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Free Medical Book—in celebration of sixty years we have published a revised edition of Dr. Humphreys' Manual of all diseases, giving in minute detail the care and treatment of the sick with Humphreys' Remedies.

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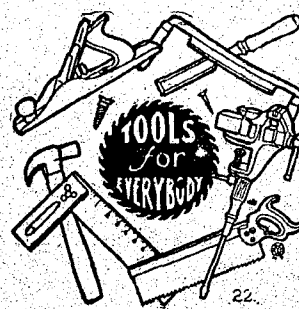
80 acres unimproved land two miles southeast of Grayling, the foundation for a first class farm. Can be bought on easy terms for part, for \$800.00.

40 acres, one-half mile from the village; 7 acres in pasture; entire 40 fenced. About ten acres low land, balance good farming land; sawing timber removed. Price \$600.00.

10 acres improved land, all fenced nearly opposite T-town; one mile north of village; just right to be divided into large village lots for workmen in the mills and yards, and purchaser can double his money. Can be bought for \$200.00.

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But it is not everyone who knows whether it is good or bad until after they have used it. And right there is just a small portion of the wisdom of buying hardware at our store. We know that most people rely upon what we tell them about the quality of the goods, hence we make it a principle in business never to sell an article that we do not know to be O. K. in every respect. It is the safe way and our way.

Isn't there something you need in making life more comfortable during the winter months? Undoubtedly we have it and can sell it to you at a very close price. No house in this section ever undersells us on guaranteed hardware.

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"About as near perfection, I suppose, as they make railroads."  
— Thomas A. Edison.

Mr. Thomas A. Edison recently made a railroad trip across the continent. Commenting on the roadway of one of the Western railroads in a newspaper interview, "the Wizard" said:

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He never smoked; he never drank;  
He never said "How dry I am!"  
The filthy weed he thought was rank  
He never used the cuss word "!!!\*\*!!"  
He came home early every night—  
Of this fact I am positive—  
And on his tombstone one might  
write:  
"ALAS, HE WAS TOO GOOD TO LIVE!"  
A model man in all respects,  
He even went to Sunday school;  
Quite free was he from all defects;  
He'd never heard of Kelly pool,  
His hard-earned salary each week  
To "Friend Wife he would always  
give,  
And those who would his tombstone  
seek  
Might read: "HE WAS TOO GOOD  
TO LIVE!"  
He paid subscriptions in advance;  
He never knocked his native town;  
He wielded no reformer's lance;  
He never sought for cheap renown;  
If you but pleased him, he would  
write  
And tell you how much joy you give  
(Not many persons so polite)—  
ALAS, HE WAS TOO GOOD TO  
LIVE!

### Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Marius Hanson were in Bay City and Saginaw yesterday. Annual election of officers of Masonic lodge tonight. Members please be present.

The old mill, which had been shut down for the past six weeks for general repairs has begun operations again.

Mrs. James Wingard was in Cheboygan last week Wednesday, officially inspecting the Farragut Circle, No. 37, Ladies of the G. A. R.

Mrs. Lloyd Gierke and children returned Tuesday from Keokuk, Iowa, after a couple month's visit with relatives, who reside there.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Newton of Detroit on Sunday, Dec. 5th, a baby girl, Harriet Erma. Mrs. Newton was formerly Miss Agnes Rasmussen of this city.

Fred McDonald of Frederic visited his mother, Mrs. McDonald, of Wolverine over Sunday here. Mrs. McDonald has been a guest of Mrs. Will Havens for several days.

S. G. Seairight, eye specialist is now in Gaylord. He will again be at McClain's hotel Sunday and Monday Dec. 19th and 20th. Eyes tested free. Glasses from one dollar up.

Mrs. Collier, postmaster at Gaylord was in the city on Monday, accompanied by Miss Nina Haskell, also of Gaylord. They visited Miss Kate Elliott, who is a patient at Mercy hospital.

Mr. Dirk Nanoings, a young gentleman, of Holland, arrived Monday from his native land. Mr. Nanoings came to America to learn the lumber industry, and Tuesday accompanied by H. A. Bauman went to one of the Salling, Hanson Co., camps, near here.

A camp of the National League of Veterans and Sons will be organized in the G. A. R. hall at 7:30 Friday eve., December 17th. All who made applications for membership are expected to be there. General R. J. Gillispie and Adjutant General P. H. Andrews of Flint will be here to assist E. A. Jennings who has secured the membership in organizing the camp.

On Tuesday evening the children of the South Side school, under the direction of their teachers, Miss Campbell and Miss Clark, gave a very pretty entertainment at the Opera house. The entertainment consisted of two series of reels put on by Manager Olson, followed by folk dancing, character songs and a playette given by the children. The little tots as well as the older ones took their parts splendidly and entertained the people who were present. This was given to raise money for a Victrola which is being enjoyed by the grades. The entertainment was well attended.

Mrs. Glen Bedtelyon, who has been suffering from a complication of diseases, just recently returning from the Grayling hospital, and has been in a demented condition since that time, took her own life by hanging herself in a woodshed last night. Mr. Bedtelyon returned from work about 5 o'clock and found his three children crying for their mother. After investigation he found his wife hanging from a rafter in the woodshed. He immediately notified Sheriff Kenton, who with assistance took the body down. The body was still warm and it is thought that the act was accomplished only a short time previous. West Branch Herald News.

# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

## The Practical Gift Store

Immense Variety, High Quality, Extra Value  
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### THE IDEAL GIFT STORE

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There are scores of Fine Gifts in this list that men will want

Beautiful Silk Neckwear 25c to \$1.00  
Fine Silk Mufflers 50c to 2.50  
Kid Gloves 1.00 to 2.00  
Knit Gloves 25c and 50c  
Dress Shirts 50c to 2.00  
Sweater, 50c to 8.00  
Hosiery, all kinds, 10c to 50c  
Suspenders and Garter Sets 75c  
Hankerchiefs 10c to 25c  
Fancy Suspenders 25c and 50c  
Fancy Paris Garters 25c  
Knit Mufflers 25c and 50c  
Fancy Arm Bands 10c to 25c  
House Slippers 75c to 2.00  
Pajamas 1.25 and 1.50  
Night Gowns 50c to 1.00  
Suit Cases 1.00 to 10.00  
Traveling Bags \$5 to 10.00  
Caps, new styles, 50c to 1.50  
Fur Caps 5.00 to 15.00  
Hundreds of other articles are here for your selection

A great selection of new Overcoats are here, all specially low priced



A few of the many useful and pretty Holiday Gifts for women and children

There is simply no limit to your choice of Handkerchiefs  
5c to \$2.50  
Silk Hose 50c to \$2.00  
Fancy Aprons 25c to 1.00  
Bath or Fancy Towels 25c to 1.00  
New Style Hand Bags 50c to 10.00  
Felt Slippers 50c to 1.75  
Kid Gloves—white, colors and black, 1.50 to 2.00  
Yarn and Chamoisette Gloves 25c and 50c  
Ladies' Sweaters 2.00 to 7.50  
Children's Sweaters 50c to 3.50  
Children's Furs reduced to 1/2 price  
Warm Knit Goods for infants and children of every kind  
Children's Coats at greatly reduced prices  
January prices on all Ladies' Coats and Skirts  
Table Linens, Napkins, Bed Spreads  
A complete line of Boys' Caps, Sweaters, Mitts, Overcoats and Suits

Final Price Reductions on all Ladies' Winter Suits—One-Third Off regular prices

## The Grayling Mercantile Co.

The Store of Useful Gifts

The Practical Gift Store

For Gifts that will please him most.

For Gifts that will please her most.

Miss Hattie Kraus is assisting in the Emil Kraus store during the busy season.

Miss Nellie Shanahan left the latter part of last week for Lansing to spend several days.

Just to remind you that the time to buy Xmas goods is now. The place is at Holiday's Bazaar.

All new goods and prices right. Our motto is Love and let Live. Call and look over stock over before purchasing. It will pay you. Extra line of candy for Christmas trade. Holiday's Bazaar.

A Chicago doctor charged a patient \$1,000 for stopping a case of nose bleed. The patient wouldn't pay. The doctor sued, and another doctor testified in court that the fee was not any other way but through expressions of excessive, while yet another one thought \$500 was about right. And to think that we are running a news paper instead of being a nose bleed specialist!

\$6.00 all leather suit cases for \$4.50, at Brenner's.

Yacob Straus is expected to arrive in the city tomorrow—"hoch der lieber." See him at the Opera house Friday night.

Mr. Zalsman made a bad mistake in his entertainment program in announcing that the latest steps in dancing would be exhibited by the Folk Dance club. Folk dancing must not be compared with the dance of today. The Folk dances are springing out of life and are an expression of happiness which only belongs to those times when people danced when they were glad and because they were glad. Every Folk dance represents something in life that could not be told in any other way but through expressions of happiness. So much for correctness. You may see genuine Folk dancing at the Opera house tomorrow night, in connection with the Park benefit entertainment.

Grayling Co. No. 27, U. R. K. of P. Elect Officers.

At a meeting of Grayling Company No. 27, Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias held their annual election of officers Thursday night of last week, with the following results:

Wm. H. Case, captain; Marjins Hanson, 1st lieutenant; Elmar Rasmussen, 2nd lieutenant, (to succeed George Belmore, who recently moved to Flint); Nick Schjotz, 1st sergeant; O. P. Schumann, 2nd sergeant and recorder; Geo. W. McCullough, treasurer; P. L. Brown, guard; and Carl Johnson, sentinel.

Capt. Case is inaugurating a number of new drill movements which are adding a lot of interest to the work. Several new applications for membership are being received.

A beautiful line of perfumes and toilet articles. These make the perfect gift. A. M. Gend.

## SHOP EARLY



Only 7 More Shopping Days Before Christmas.

Read the advertisements in the Avalanche then go to the stores and do your purchasing. Our merchants make it easy for you to buy.



**THE NEW \$100,000 WAYNE MINERAL BATH HOUSE**  
DETROIT (Third and Jefferson Aves.) MICH.

Completely equipped for giving every approved form of hydrotherapy treatment for Rheumatism, Blood Disorders, Nervous Troubles, Lymphatic, Constipation, etc. The Sulfur-Saline water is not excelled in therapeutic value by any spring in America or Europe.

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In connection. Delightfully located on river front, adjacent to D. & C. New C. & W. Wharf. Unexcelled view in Detroit. European plan, \$1.00 per day and up.

T. R. Hayes, Prop. F. H. Hayes, Asst. Mgr. Brenner's for toys and dishes







## Housework Is a Burden

It's hard enough to keep house in perfect health, but a woman who is weak, tired and suffering from an aching back has a heavy burden. Any woman in this condition has good cause to suspect kidney trouble, especially if the kidney action seems disordered.

Doan's Kidney Pills have cured thousands of suffering women. It's the best, recommended special kidney remedy.

## A Michigan Case

Mrs. L. G. A. Brown, 123 Avenue A, Flint, Mich., says: "For weeks the pain in my back was so bad I couldn't walk and I was bent almost double. My limbs ached, too, and my feet and ankles were terribly swollen. The doctor's medicine failed to help me and when I used Doan's Kidney Pills I soon found they were my life to them."

Get Doan's at Any Store, 50c a Box  
**DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS**  
FOSTER-MILBURN CO., BUFFALO, N. Y.

## The Wretchedness of Constipation

Can quickly be overcome by CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.

Purely vegetable—act surely and gently on the liver. Cure Bilelessness, Headache, Dizziness and Indigestion. They do their duty. SMALL PILL, SMALL DOSE, SMALL PRICE. Genuine must bear Signature.

*Wm. Wood*

## Got Out of the Difficulty.

Some time ago a local corps was reviewed by Sir Ian Hamilton, and there is a story told that one of the officers was mounted on a horse that had previously distinguished itself in a bakery business.

A wag in the crowd is supposed to have recognized the horse, for he shouted out, "Baker!" The horse promptly stopped dead, and nothing could urge it on. The situation was getting painful, when the officer was struck with a brilliant idea, and remarked, within hearing of his steed: "Not today, thank you."

The procession then moved on without further delay.—London Mail.

## ECZEMAS AND RASHES

Itching and Burning Soothed by Cuticura. Trial Free.

The Soap to cleanse and purify, the Ointment to soothe and heal. Relieve, rest and sleep follow the use of these supereminent emollients and indicate speedy and complete healing in most cases of young and old, even when the usual remedies have utterly failed.

Sample each free by mail with Book. Address postcard, Cuticura, Dept. XY, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

## Fool for Luck.

"Jones is a lucky dog. He got a quiet tip yesterday to plunge on X. Y. Z. preferred."

"Why that stock dropped 20 points this morning. Where does Jones' luck come in?"

"He didn't have money enough to go in on it."

## Important to Mothers

Examine carefully the bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Williams*. In Use For Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria.

## Below the Average.

"Wouldn't you classify Berton as an average man?"

"Certainly would not. Why, I can doubtly discount him at Kelly pool. He isn't up to the average by thirty points."

## WANTED

Butternut meats from this year's crop—five to ten pounds, more or less. Will pay 75c per pound. Geo. A. Joslyn, Omaha, Neb.—Adv.

## And He Did, By Gum!

Hub—I've got a job in a glue factory.

Wife—Good! I hope you will stick there.—Boston Evening Transcript.

Not Gray Hairs but Tired Eyes make us look older than we are. Keep your eyes young and you will look young. After the Movies Marry Your Eyes. Don't tell your age. Marry Your Eyes. Chicago, Sends Eye Book on request.

The law provides a lot more ways of escaping punishment than of inflicting it.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are the original little liver pills put out 40 years ago. They regulate liver and bowels.—Adv.

Most of the sin on exhibition is anything but original.

Always sure to please, Red Cross Ball Blue. All grocers sell it. Adv.

But many a man who has a red nose is not guilty.

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## LETTER FROM STATE CAPITOL

STATE OFFICERS DESIRE NEW AUTO LAW TO HAVE EARLY TEST.

## MANY THINK ACT IS FAULTY

Auditor General Fuller Believes That Next Legislature Should Change Method of Drawing Appropriation Bills.

[By Gurd M. Hayes.]

Lansing—It is the sincere wish of Secretary of State Vaughan, Auditor General Fuller and State Treasurer Haarer that the new automobile law be tested out as speedily as possible if the people from Wayne county opposing the measure intend to have its constitutionality passed upon by the supreme court.

Already Secretary of State Vaughan has received thousands of dollars for automobile licenses to be issued January 1, and as the new bill does not become effective until the first of the year there appears to be no chance that a test case will be made until the measure becomes operative.

If the new law does not stand the test of the courts and some state officials are of the opinion that there are serious doubts as to its constitutionality, an adverse decision by the court will mean an immense amount of work for the state department, auditor general's office and the state treasurer.

When the supreme court knocked out the Bricker-Smith bill passed by the legislature of 1913 about fifteen thousand licenses had been issued by the state department. It was necessary to do an immense amount of extra work by the bookkeeper of the various departments to straighten out the claims.

Irute citizens who read newspaper accounts of the action of the court in knocking out the automobile law, wrote letters to the secretary of state and auditor general demanding an immediate refund of the amount due them. The vouchers were made out in the order in which they were received and those who were last in line were forced to wait several weeks. Some even threatened suit. Visions of similar scenes come to the three departments involved whenever they think of the new law and the administrators are therefore anxious that the law be tested out and a decision obtained at the earliest possible date.

A number of constitutional lawyers have observed that the new law is no good inasmuch as thousands of dollars worth of property is removed from the tax rolls of Detroit and no portion of the refund can be used in the city.

## N-w Method Is Needed.

Auditor General Fuller is of the opinion that when the next legislature meets there should be a change in the method of drawing appropriation bills so that the deficit which generally occurs in the general fund every two years will be eliminated.

Under the present system appropriation bills are made payable before the tax can be spread. All appropriations bills were given immediate effect during the last session and provision was made in the special appropriations that the money should be available July 1, 1915.

The tax to meet these appropriation bills cannot be collected until January and as a result of appropriation bills amounting to \$3,226,000 to be paid this year, the general fund was practically depleted before the first day of December.

On the first day of July when appropriations of \$3,226,000 were due, there was a balance in the general fund of the state treasury amounting to \$3,015,000. Out of this balance the general fund of the state government had to be paid, including the semi-monthly pay roll.

Next year, according to the auditor general, there will be plenty of money to pay all expenses, but unless the legislature of 1917 makes the appropriations payable after January 1, 1918, it is the opinion of auditor general that in 1917 the state treasury will be in practically the same condition as it is today.

Governor Ferris, Auditor General Fuller and other state officials have expressed themselves as being in favor of the budget system and it is believed that strong pressure will be brought on the lawmakers during the next session of the legislature to adopt this system.

## Governor Favors Cure in Prisons.

If Governor Ferris succeeds in carrying into effect a scheme he has had in mind for several months a "jag cure" will be a part of the treatment administered in the various state prisons to every inmate who has been addicted to the use of alcohol or drugs.

Investigation by the governor and the members of the pardon board has furnished conclusive evidence that "boozing" and "dope" in a great many cases were responsible for the prisoners downfall, and the record of the pardon board show that many men who are paroled after a few years in the state penitentiary are returned as

## Home For Crippled Children.

The building of a state institution for crippled children will be advocated in the next session of the state legislature by Senator James Hanley, of Detroit.

State homes for many other dependent persons have been established, but the care of crippled children has been left largely to private institutions, Senator Hanley believes.

He will ask in legislature to appropriate sufficient money to establish a modern home at which educational

privileges and proper surgical attendance will be provided so that crippled children may be afforded opportunity to develop as best their physical infirmities will permit.

Berlin—The amount paid in cash by subscribers to the third German loan in the last week of November was about \$31,000,000 marks. This brought up the total paid in to \$10,452,600 marks (\$2,613,150,000), or about 86 per cent of the entire subscription.

parole violators simply because they had never been cured of the drug or alcohol habit.

At the present time it is practically impossible for an inmate of a Michigan prison in Michigan to obtain either drugs or whiskey, although a few years ago that "dope" was circulated with considerable freedom in Jackson, and other institutions had trouble in keeping cocaine outside the walls of the prisons.

Governor Ferris says that men who have been heavy drinkers for years or habitual users of drugs should receive medical treatment during the first year of their imprisonment, and he believes that when they have served their time they will be less apt to return to their old habits. Many men placed on parole have thought themselves cured simply because they had been unable to indulge during their term in prison, but once on the outside they have been unable to resist temptation and have been returned as parole violators.

The governor is expected to urge upon the various wardens that they give this proposition a trial and if it proves successful it is probable that the legislature will be asked to provide sufficient funds to carry it out on an extensive scale. It is the governor's theory that inasmuch as the state puts a man in prison to punish him for a crime that it should take some steps to assist him in avoiding the cause of his trouble when he is again thrust upon society.

## Protection At Low Cost.

Subscribers to the accident fund of the Michigan state insurance department have voted to pay an additional 10 per cent dividend, making a total of 20 per cent on premiums for pay rolls adjusted during the year beginning October 1, 1914. Reports of officers showed that the fund was still providing accident protection to employers of labor at a low cost. It was voted to continue the rate charges in force the past year. The question of paying dividends to subscribers on withdrawal was discussed, and it was voted not to make such payment.

Charles A. Bigelow, of Bay City, re-elected president, and Robert K. Orr, secretary. The advisory board includes Mr. Bigelow as chairman, Nicholas H. Battjes, Grand Rapids; Otto Misch, Detroit; William J. Orr, Bay Port; C. P. Tietze, Detroit; C. H. Kimball, Muskegon; H. A. Douglas, Detroit; T. W. Hanson, Grayling; Orville B. Fuller, Ford River, and C. S. Wilcox, Lansing.

The total assets of the fund at the close of the past year's business amounted to \$118,725.26; liabilities, \$66,817.15; surplus, \$51,908.11. On November 30, 1915, there were 650 certificates in force.

## Must Use Red Cans.

State Oil Inspector R. E. Barron, of Howell, has issued orders that all gasoline cans must be repainted a bright red, the order to take effect January 1.

The so-called "red can" law went into effect in 1909, and for a time it was observed by dealers and others using gasoline. Inspector Barron says, however, that now some of the cans painted years ago resemble more the original color than red and that as a result many accidents, sometimes resulting in deaths, is the result. He states that apparently many dealers in gasoline in Michigan are unaware of the law that compels them to paint red all receptacles in which gasoline is used.

"Violations have become so numerous that it is in the interest of public safety to see the law is rigidly enforced and I have issued orders that every can used for holding gasoline must receive a fresh coat of red paint by January 1. Several persons have lost their lives during the year because the law was not enforced."

## To Open Employment Agency.

State Labor Commissioner James Cunningham has announced that the free employment bureau provided for Lansing at the last legislature will be opened in the old state building January 1.

In all probability the labor department will open free employment bureaus in Bay City, Muskegon and Traverse City shortly after the first of the year, and maintain them four hours each day.

According to the report from the free employment bureau at Saginaw positions have been provided there for 6,286 men and 2,061 women. Through the state office at Grand Rapids, positions have been obtained for 5,952 men and 1,089 women this year. Through the Jackson office 3,439 men and 2,214 women obtained work.

## To Establish Beaver Colonies.

Beaver may again resume its place, to some extent, as a standard American fur; if plans formulated by State Game Commissioner William R. Oates prove effective. At present, the animal is almost extinct in Michigan and many other states.

Oates proposes to establish beaver colonies by planting one or more pairs of the animals on suitable streams in the state, and then vigorously to restrict trapping privileges. Sites for the colonies will be selected at points where the back water from the beaver dams will do no damage. Oates says beavers are naturally hardy and prolific and should thrive if given protection for a few years.

Experiments are now being made with wood as fuel for the engines on the state railways of Sweden. The reason for this is that the government wants to be prepared in case the war should shut off the coal supply from abroad. Peat may also be used for this purpose, but it cannot be obtained on short notice, as wood can.

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## SCANDINAVIAN NEWS

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS IN FAR OFF NORTHWEST.

## ITEMS FROM THE OLD HOME

Resume of the Most Important Events in Sweden, Norway and Denmark—Of Interest to the Scandinavians in America.

## SWEDEN.

Swedish iron mine owners state that the British submarine blockade will result in a complete stoppage of Germany's large iron ore importation from Sweden. Iron ore is not contraband and could ordinarily be shipped on neutral vessels, but at present all Swedish and other neutral shipping is otherwise engaged, and no vessels are available. Figures at hand show to what extent the exportation of iron ore has been concentrated on the Baltic and how shipping was decreased owing to the risk of capture by British cruisers. In the year 1913 2,180,000 tons of iron ore were shipped from Narvik and 2,320,000 tons in 1914, according to reports of the current year, the total shipping of iron ore will not be over 1,200,000 tons. From Lulea, on the other hand, the amount of iron ore exported has increased from 900,000 tons—last year's figures, to 2,198,000 tons, with one month of the shipping season still unreported. Other Baltic ports record a like increase. The present stoppage of the iron ore trade is a heavy blow to Sweden, but the Swedish press, realizing England's necessity, has indulged in neither bitterness nor complaint. German ships are now playing a difficult game. Navigating close to the shore in order to be in neutral waters is not easy during the best season, and with the rough seas of winter it will be particularly hazardous.

The "Stockholm system," devised by Dr. Ivan Bratt, allows every citizen in good standing to buy one litre (a little over an American quart) of spirituous liquor every five days. Books are provided containing coupons, one of which is torn off with every purchase, the book at the same time being stamped with the date. This method has been rigorously enforced. Notorious drunkards and persons with police records have not been allowed to buy liquor. The plan has been extended to 31 of the 100 districts in Sweden, and the government has issued an order to apply it to the whole of Sweden beginning January 1, 1916. In Sweden the "Stockholm system" has proved to be a big step forward in the temperance movement.—Leslie's.

The Swedish consul in Madrid, Herr Harald Dahlbinder, is now on a visit to his native land after an absence of thirty years. Even now he is combining business with pleasure, officiating as guide for a Spanish commission which is visiting Sweden on an important errand. Mrs. Dahlbinder has lived in Spain for fifty-seven years, during which period she has never seen Sweden.

The Swedish sugar trust has had a very prosperous year, owing to the high prices received for sugar shipped to Norway and Germany. The earnings for the last year were about \$300,000 in excess of those of the previous year. The net profits were \$2,335,500. The stockholders received a dividend of five per cent, and \$540,000 was added to the reserve fund.

President Poincare of France received a delegation of prominent Swedes, including Baron A. T. Adelswaerd, former minister of finance; Baron Palmstierna, deputy from Stockholm; several university professors and many officers. They visited munitions factories and hospitals, after which they spent four days at the front.

The annual meeting of the labor unions of Sweden represented 82,902 members. The local unions had entered into collective contracts to the number of 1,107. During the year 1914 about \$100,000 was paid as aid during labor conflicts.

The committee on church legislation has endorsed the proposition made by the cabinet to permit people to take part in the communion without having first attended a communion sermon.

Prince Maximilian of Bavaria has been on visit to Sweden. He was escorted by King Gustaf and the German ambassador and stayed with the king while he remained in Stockholm.

Baron Nordentalk recently invited King Gustaf to a hunt at the Tarna grounds. His majesty killed three moose on this occasion. Up to that time he had killed an even dozen during the open season.

The crown prince and crown princess visited the Salvation Army bazaar for the benefit of the deaf and dumb of Stockholm. It was obvious that the royal visitors took great interest in the undertaking, and they expressed their gratitude because the bazaar had been arranged.

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## DENMARK.

It is announced from Copenhagen that an agreement has been concluded between the British foreign office and an association of importers in Denmark regarding imports. So far as Denmark is concerned it is an extension of the idea of the Netherlands overseas trust. It is believed to place distinct limitations on American trade.

Mr. Reisenhus, one of the temperance veterans of Copenhagen, attended a festival given in honor of a man who had been a member of the temperance society for 25 years. When the time came for Mr. Reisenhus to make an address, he spoke with force and enthusiasm, and just as he had said that he was in hopes that he would live until he had a chance to vote for national prohibition, he fell backward and died.

Capt. Niels Larsen was drowned last winter in Svendborg harbor. His body was found a long time afterwards and buried in the Rudekloster churchyard. It was noticed that his dog followed the coffin to the graveyard. He stayed there until he got so hungry that he had to leave. But just as soon as he had found something to eat he would return to the graveyard. He stayed there most of the time last summer, and did not change his habits when cold weather set in. Finally the people in the neighborhood took pity on the faithful animal and saved him from further suffering by killing him.

A seine boat from Nyborg scored a great success at Anholt. One haul of the seine brought so much herring that both the seine boat and its auxiliary were filled. The value of the one catch was \$2,700, which almost paid for the seine boat, which was new.

Many old pastures have been plowed at Helstrup, Grenten and Stevstrup. But the soil is so tough that it takes four horses and two men to keep the plow going.

The late Mrs. Louise Margrete Stilling, nee Toldorph, at Rudkoping, left legacies aggregating \$54,000. The largest one, which amounts to about \$40,000, is to be managed for the benefit of widows and daughters of preachers who served charges outside of Copenhagen. She was a preacher's daughter herself, and was noted for her generosity during the latter part of her life.

The Danish Milk company has resolved to give 75 gallons of milk a day to the eight children's homes which are managed by co-operative churches in Copenhagen. This free service is worth about \$5,000 a year.

## NORWAY.

The state grain commission reported that the visible supply of grain in Norway September 1 was 145,000 tons of wheat and rye, 99,000 tons of barley and 200,000 tons of oats. In addition to this, contracts had been made for 123,000 tons of wheat and rye and 12,000 tons of barley, making 589,000 tons of grain in all. During the years 1909-1913 the monthly consumption was 64,000 tons. On this basis the present supply would last about nine months. But the consumption has been smaller since the beginning of the war, and it is estimated that the 589,000 tons contracted for or on hand will last about eleven and a half months, or to the middle of August next year.

The water is running low in the wells on the farms around Bergen, and many of them are dry. Many farmers have to fetch water from the distance. Factories dependent upon water power are in a critical condition.

Four charitable institutions of Lillehammer recently received donations aggregating over \$4,500 from Mr. Indseth and wife. The same people had given over \$5,000 to similar institutions in Roros, the birthplace of Mr. Indseth.

Timber owners in the district of Drammen have sold logs for millions of kroner this season. The price for logs is only for pulp has been about \$20 per dozen, and about \$27 per dozen for saw logs. These are the highest prices ever paid in Norway. The Mjondalen cellulose factory was at the head of the list of buyers, with about 35,000 dozen logs.

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## IF YOU NEED A MEDICINE, YOU SHOULD HAVE THE BEST

Although there are hundreds of preparations advertised, there is only one that really stands out pre-eminent as a remedy for diseases of the kidneys, liver and bladder.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root stands the highest, for the reason that so many people say it has proved to be just the remedy needed in thousands upon thousands of even the most distressing cases.

Swamp-Root makes friends quickly because its mild and immediate effect is soon realized in most cases. It is a gentle, healing vegetable compound.

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In order to prove what Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy will do for you, every reader of this paper who has not already tried it, may receive a sample size bottle by Parcel Post. Enclose ten cents and send to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. Write today.—Adv.

## CURE THAT WAS PERMANENT

Farmer Had No More Thought of Being Afflicted With Cattle Plague After That.

A farmer who had lost some cows by the cattle plague was fully persuaded that he had himself been attacked by the epidemic. Forthwith he hurried off and consulted his medical man, who tried to laugh him out of the absurd notion, but to no purpose.

The farmer then went to an old, well-known practitioner, who, being a bit of a wag and seeing how matters stood, entered minutely into the details of the case, expressed his concurrence with the patient's views, and told him he could cure him.

The doctor thereupon wrote a prescription, sealed it up, and told the farmer to go to a druggist in the next town.

The farmer lost no time in going with the prescription, but was somewhat startled when the druggist showed him the formula, which ran thus: "This man has the cattle plague. Take him into the back yard and shoot him, according to law."

## BEST WAY TO CURE COLD IN CHEST

Doctors advise not to allow cold in chest or sore throat to hang on. Pneumonia oftentimes results. The minute your chest or throat shows signs of soreness rub on true Mustarine, which only costs about 25 cents, and which any druggist can give you in the original yellow box.

The Esgy Medicine Co. of Rochester, N. Y., makes true Mustarine, and it ends cold in chest overnight.—Adv.

Shakespeare "Called Down." "Ye think a fine lot of Shakespeare?"

"I do, sir," was the reply.

"An' ye think he was mair clever than Rabbin Burns?"

"Why, there's no comparison between them."

"Maybe, no; but ye tell us it was Shakespeare who wrote, 'Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown.' Now Rabbin would never hae written sic nonsense as that."

"Nonsense, sir!" thundered the other.

"Aye, just nonsense. Rabbin would hae kent fine that a king or queen either disna gang to bed wi' the croon on their head. He'd hae kent they hang it ower the back o' a chair."

Big Success. Mabel—Was your bazaar a success? Gladys—Yes, indeed; the minister will have cause to be grateful.

Mabel—How much were the profits? Gladys—Nothing. The expenses were more than the receipts. But ten of us got engaged, and the minister is in for a good thing in wedding fees.

A schemer points out the silver lining of a cloud—and then proceeds to swipe your umbrella.

A short-sighted man always expects his neighbor to look through his glasses.

Soldiers Want No Children. I asked Zeni Peshkoff, socialist, what his sensations were when he went out to kill. "It didn't seem real, it doesn't now. Before my last charge the lieutenant and I were filled with the beauty of the night. We sat gazing at the stars



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## Have Him Enjoy the Luxury of Smoking a Pipe

By making him a nice Christmas present of a Briar Pipe with Amber Mouth Piece, from \$1.50 to \$6.00. We carry the largest line in the city of all kinds of Pipes, so look over our line in making Xmas selections.

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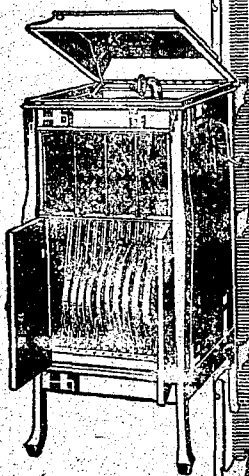
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We can give you an outfit that will just fit your pocketbook and on special Christmas terms.

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### Sweetest Fruits of Christmas Tree

Sweetest products of the soil from the four corners of the earth are gathered under the tree in the packages of

**Morse's Candies** that make the day complete. 25c per package to \$5.00.

Cheer the little ones with a present of a nice TY COBB Foot Ball, Base Ball, Glove or Mitt. From 25c to \$5.00.

Fine Line of Jack Knives 25c to \$2.00 each.



## Olaf Sorenson & Sons

### Local News

Mrs. Adam Gierke spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Bay City on business.

Christmas calendars, seals, tags, stickers, crepe paper and tissues. A. M. Lewis.

The place to buy your Xmas Candles is at Holiday's Bazaar. Stock fresh and prices right.

Angus Campbell was called to his home at Fife Lake yesterday by the serious illness of a brother.

John H. Williams has been suffering for the past couple of weeks with blood poison in one of his hands.

The Avalanche will be published one day earlier next week. Advertisers and Correspondents kindly get your copy in one day earlier.

Richard Babbitt has resigned his commission of deputy State Game warden, in charge of the game preserve at the Military reservation.

Mrs. C. F. Pappendick returned to her home in Lake City this morning, after several weeks spent with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Failing, sisters and brothers.

If you do not see in our advertisement what you are looking for, come into our store. Here we have hundreds of things that will at once interest you and your friends. Lewis Drug Store.

Manager G. N. Olson, of the Opera house, announces a series of features for Wednesday nights and Christmas. The latter night will be presented that sensational feature, The Nigger. December 22, The Gilded Fool; December 29, A Fool there Was; January 5, The Thief; January 12, Samson. These are all specially good features and should be liberally supported.

There probably never was a time when the stores looked more beautiful and stocks were so well selected as at this Holiday season. There are some very attractive window displays and store arrangements. Surely the merchandise offered should please all tastes and all purses. It is pleasure just to go about and look at things, even if one does not care to buy. There are hundreds of things to interest you. If you are looking for exquisite luxuries, they are here; also the more practical necessities of the home and for personal wear. These always make ideal gifts.

The Goodfellowship club will give a charity bridge and five-hundred party at the Social club rooms Saturday night and cordially invite all to come. This party is given for the purpose of raising more money for the Christmas boxes that will be sent out next week. Twenty-five cents admission will be charged. It is hoped that there will be a liberal response by the general public in this worthy effort, and that there will be a goodly amount of cash on hand, to be used for benevolent Xmas purposes. While enjoying the games you will also be helping to make some others happy. The games will begin at 8:00 o'clock.

### DuPont News Items.

Supt. Rose spent Sunday with his family in Bay City, returning early the next morning.

General Supt. Clark of Bay City, is on the job this week, looking after the opening of actual operations of the plant.

The wells of the Company are being lowered and three or four more added in order to produce the supply of water needed. In a test about two weeks ago, it was found that the supply of water was inadequate, therefore necessitating these new arrangements. In all there are about fourteen wells on the ground.

The six retorts are now in operation containing about forty-eight cords of four-foot wood. It is intended that some of these will be "pulled" today. By that we mean that the steel cars containing the wood will be pulled out to cool in air-tight chambers, then packed and shipped as charcoal. The stills will be placed in operation the last of this week. When the plant gets in actual motion, about sixty to seventy-five men will be employed. Some minor construction work is still in process.

Several of the local workmen have been at the Bay City plant to learn how to handle certain features of the work here.

E. E. Newcomb, electrician, arrived yesterday for the purpose of putting the finishing touches on the electric plant. He believes that about two weeks will be required to finish this part of the plant.

### Correspondence

**Frederic School Notes.**  
Our boys again won at basket ball against Gaylord on their own floor. A large crowd attended and the right spirit was shown by the spectators. During the first half Herman Wilcox, one of our forwards, was put out for personal fouls, and in the second half Elmer Johnson, our center, was put out for the same reason. But we won just the same.

The Gaylord girls won from our girls, but this does not mean anything because the Gaylord girls were playing the 1922 rules while the Frederic girls played the 1917 rules.

Miss Cameron's and Miss Malco's room assisted by a few of the children

### WANTS

Advertisements will be accepted under this heading at the rate of 5 cents per line. No ad. taken for less than 15 cents. There are about six words to the line. SEND MONEY WITH THE ORDER.

**FOR SALE**—A beautiful large oak china closet, a new oak buffet and a piano in good tune. Can be seen at my home. Victor Salling, 12-16-2

**WANTED**—The people of Grayling to come and look over our Xmas novelties, Kodaks, China, Toys etc. Sorenson Bros.

**LOST**—A sterling silver link bracelet. Finder please phone Miss Eleanor Schumann at 462, or phone the Avalanche office.

**HOUSE WORK**—Wanted by young lady. For particulars phone Miss Ida Kline at No. 534.

**POCKET BOOK**—Left at Lewis' Drug store latter part of November. Owner may have same by proving property and paying for this notice. A. M. Lewis. 12-9-3

**LOST**—32nd degree Masonic charm, between Opera house and my home, Saturday, November 25th. Reward offered. Charles E. Bingham.

**WANTED**—10,000 ladies and gentlemen to call at our store and purchase their Christmas and New Year post cards. Prices range from 1 cent to 20 cents. Sorenson Bros. 12-2-3

**FOR SALE**—Two milk cows and one more in fine condition. About 11 years old, weight about 1400. Geo. Palmer, Frederic, Mich. 12-2-2

**FOR RENT**—One room furnished. Rasmus Rasmussen, Phone 351. 12-16-3

from Miss Stinton's room will give a play soon. With the proceeds a first payment on a graphophone will be made, which the school expects to be in January.

The sleighride party to Malco's, was enjoyed by all. The boys know now where to go to have a good time.

The "Pathfinder" has been added to the list of magazines and papers in the High school.

The Literary meeting was a great success Monday night. A large crowd was present.

Francis McDermid was a visitor in High school Thursday afternoon.

Miss Garst will spend her Christmas vacation at her home in Indiana.

A new piano is going to be placed in the High school.

Silas Marner is the reading of the Sophomore class.

Julia Devalch was a High school visitor Friday afternoon.

Andrew Brown, a member of the school board visited the school Monday.

### Lovells.

Mrs. A. J. Caid went to Lewiston Saturday shopping.

Florence McCormick left Friday for West Branch to visit with her grandmother, Mrs. Geroy and other relatives.

Miss Lillian Hanna is spending a few days with Miss Emma Feldhauser of Sigma.

R. Papenfus attended the Farmer's Institute in Grayling, which he reports being very good.

T. E. Douglas was in Grayling the fore part of the week.

Ira Johnson returned to his home in Vanderbilt Monday after spending Sunday with his wife and other relatives.

Little Jack Caid, one of the primary pupils in the school received a large certificate for three months perfect attendance from School Commissioner James A. Kalarhar.

A. Gutokah spent Sunday with relatives in Bay City.

The people of Lovells are all glad to learn that Sanford Griffin, who was severely burned last week by an explosion of a gasoline engine, is now daily improving.

The Lovells sewing club was entertained last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. Douglas. Mrs. Douglas was presented with a neat gift as a souvenir after a most sumptuous luncheon was served. The ladies voted to meet with Mrs. E. McCormick this Thursday afternoon.

Christmas exercises by the Lovells school will be given Thursday evening Dec. 23rd at the Pavilion, all being invited to come and those wishing to put any gifts on the tree are at liberty to do so.

A Christmas donation box will be placed at the Christmas tree for the benefit and comfort of the old couple, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bowers. All who wish to help the good old people in their winter struggle may do so by placing some article of provision in this box. Those who aid in this charity will not only brighten the Christmas time for these two old people who have so little to cheer them but also for themselves.

### Riverview.

E. Matt runs his mill night and day. M. Grover has a car load of hay on hand.

Mr. Gardner of Kalkaska was here Monday on business.

A. Rherdson went to Sigma Monday to do some paper hanging for Mr. Murphy.

Mrs. Potter returned home Saturday after a few weeks stay in Sigma.

Guy Mank and Frank Shipman went to Grayling on business Thursday.

Bill Smith's happy face was seen on street Sunday.

Miss Vivian Brownwell went to Grayling Friday to have some dental work done.

### Ordinance No. 17.

An ordinance granting permission and authority to the E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company and to its successors and assigns, to construct, own, operate and maintain a sewer along and under State Street in the Village of Grayling, Michigan.

The Village of Grayling Ordains, as follows, to wit:

Section 1. That consent, permission and authority is hereby given, granted and duly vested in and to the E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and duly admitted and authorized to transact business in the State of Michigan, and to its successors and assigns, to construct, own, operate, maintain and use a sewer along and under State Street in said Village, of Grayling from the South limits and boundary line of said Village, North to the Au Sable River and to discharge the contents of said sewer into the Au Sable River so long as it and its successors and assigns may desire. Said sewer may also be used by the employees and tenants of said E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company and of its successors and assigns.

Section 2. Whenever and at such time as said E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, its successors and assigns, shall cease to operate its plant adjoining the said Village of Grayling and shall abandon the same, permanently, said sewer shall immediately become and remain forever the property of said Village of Grayling.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on and after the day of its passage.

Passed, ordained and ordered published this 6th day of December, 1915.

H. Petersen, Village President.

T. P. Peterson, Village Clerk.

### Ordinance No. 19.

An ordinance relative to the licensing of carriers of passengers for hire and of the vehicle used therefor; to provide for a penalty for violation thereof, and repealing all inconsistent ordinances or parts of ordinances.

The Village of Grayling Ordains: Section 1. No person shall use or offer for use any carriage, sleigh, automobile or other vehicle for the carriage of passengers for hire without having first obtained a license for such vehicle as provided for in section 2 of this ordinance, and no person shall drive any such vehicle without a license so obtained as herein provided. Provided, that this ordinance shall not apply to persons passing through said village with passengers or carrying passengers to said village from points outside thereof.

Section 2. Any person who is a resident of the Village of Grayling may obtain a license for his vehicle to be used in carrying passengers for hire within said village by his paying into the village treasury therefor the sum of three dollars for each of his said vehicles to be so used. Any person who is not a resident of the said village of Grayling may obtain a license for his vehicle to be used in carrying persons for hire in said village by his paying into the village treasury therefor the sum of two dollars for each and every day each of his said vehicles is so used, (meaning thereby two dollars per day per vehicle), and any person above the age of eighteen years, of good moral character may obtain a license as driver upon his executing a bond to said village in the penal sum of one hundred dollars with at least one good and sufficient surety thereon conditioned in substance that the principal shall well and truly keep and obey and observe all ordinances of said village, and all laws of the State of Michigan, which said bond shall also have indorsed thereon a certificate of the village marshal showing in substance that the principal in said bond is believed to be a person of good moral character and a proper person to receive a license as driver of public conveyances, which when so signed and indorsed shall be presented to the village council, and if approved by said village council, the applicant may receive such license by paying therefor the sum of one dollar.

Section 3. All licenses issued by virtue of this ordinance to persons who are residents of the Village of Grayling shall be for one year, and to non-residents for as many days as shall be paid for, unless the same be sooner revoked and annulled as hereinafter provided.

Section 4. Whoever shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof be fined not exceeding the sum of one hundred dollars or imprisonment in the county jail of Crawford county not exceeding ninety days, or both in the discretion of the court, and if the convicted person shall have a license issued by virtue of this ordinance, the village council may, by a majority vote, revoke, and annul the license of such offender, but such revoking or annulling shall not entitle such offender to receive back any portion of the sum paid for such license.

Section 5. All bonds given under the provisions of this ordinance shall be for the benefit of persons injured by reason of any violation of this ordinance or by the violation of any of the provisions of said bond, and any person so injured may bring suit on such bond in the name of the Village of Grayling for his, her or their benefit.

Section 6. All other ordinances of said Village of Grayling pertaining to the licensing of vehicles for hire or ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall take effect on the 1st day of January, 1916.

Passed, ordained and ordered published this 6th day of December, 1915.

H. Petersen, Village President.

T. P. Peterson, Village Clerk.

### Notice of Tax Collections.

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Andrew Mortenson, Treasurer.

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A. M.	P. M.	Grayling	Ar.	P. M.	Ar.	P. M.	Grayling
12.34	1.34	Resort	11.50	4.20	12.34	1.34	Resort
9.18	3.02	Sigma	1.11	3.23	9.18	3.02	Sigma
9.56	3.26	Rowley	12.46	2.16	9.56	3.26	Rowley
11.40	3.55	Walton	12.20	1.30	11.40	3.55	Walton
11.40	4.31	Buckley	11.03	11.45	11.40	4.31	Buckley
1.10	4.46	Glengarry	10.39	-----	1.10	4.46	Glengarry
5.22	-----	Riv. Brch	-----	-----	5.22	-----	Riv. Brch
5.29	-----	Kaleva	9.55	-----	5.29	-----	Kaleva
15.39	-----	Chief Lake	19.45	-----	15.39	-----	Chief Lake
15.46	-----	Norwalk	19.39	-----	15.46	-----	Norwalk
6.17	-----	Manistee	19.15	-----	6.17	-----	Manistee
A. M.				P. M.			

A. M.	P. M.	Manistee	Ar.	P. M.	Ar.	P. M.	Manistee
17.35	13.00	Kaleva	11.04	5.30	17.35	13.00	Kaleva
8.21	3.47	Copemish	10.40	5.32	8.21	3.47	Copemish
8.49	4.18	Neesen Cy	10.29	5.19	8.49	4.18	Neesen Cy
9.21	5.01	Platte Rvr	9.57	4.53	9.21	5.01	Platte Rvr
9.31	5.01	Lake Ann	9.40	4.43	9.31	5.01	Lake Ann
9.51	5.15	Solon	9.33	4.22	9.51	5.15	Solon
9.59	5.21	Pouch	9.21	4.16	9.59	5.21	Pouch
10.15	5.35	Traverse C	9.05	4.00	10.15	5.35	Traverse C
A. M.				P. M.			

\* Daily, except Sunday.  
\* Local freight trains.

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At Avalanche Office.

### Ordinance No. 18.

An ordinance to amend section 4 of ordinance No. 1 of the village of Grayling, as amended, entitled "Relative to Licenses."

The Village of Grayling Ordains: Section 1. Section 4 of ordinance No. 1 of said Village of Grayling, as amended, entitled "Relative to Licenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4. All peddlers and hawkers exercising their calling within the Village of Grayling, except pedant and peddlers vendors who are residents of said Village of Grayling, shall before doing so, obtain a license therefor, and shall pay for such license for one week the sum of ten dollars and for less time the sum of two dollars for each day. The same shall apply to all persons selling or offering for sale goods, wares or merchandise, by hand, hand cart, show stand, vehicle or otherwise from house to house in said village or upon the public streets or grounds of said village.

This ordinance shall take effect January 1st, 1916.

Passed, ordained and ordered published this 6th day of December, 1915.

H. Petersen, Village President.

T. P. Peterson, Village Clerk.

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### Report of Crawford County Farmer's Institute.

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ored to show to the audience how the Michigan Agricultural college was a friend to the farmer. He related a few instances in which the M. A. C. college sent out a man from their college to help a farmer out of trouble. Also stating the college was willing to aid the farmers when requested in regard to feeding and care of stock and also agricultural problems.

The solos given by Rev. A. Mitchell were greatly enjoyed by everyone present.

"Why not be satisfied with Michigan?" this subject handled by H. J. Lurkins was very interesting.

Referring to beauty of nature around us, the unfolding of nature, as privileges a great many do not enjoy. Everyone present greatly enjoyed his address.

The subjects, "Improvement of Live stock" and "The care of the Dairy Herd" was handled by A. M. Beridge successfully